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		Census—30th June, 1933.			Estimated 30th September, 1946.				
		Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.		
N.S.W.	309,433	1,318,471	1,282,376	2,600,847	1,463,401	1,466,046	2,929,447	1,398,000	
Victoria	87,884	903,244	917,017	1,820,261	1,003,596	1,032,421	2,036,017	1,170,000	
Q'land.	670,500	497,217	450,317	947,534	563,263	530,924	1,094,187	370,500	
S. Aust.	380,070	290,962	289,987	580,949	316,065	322,769	638,834	362,500	
W. Aust.	975,920	233,937	204,915	438,852	256,237	239,125	495,362	263,000	
Tasmania	26,215	115,097	112,502	227,599	126,844	125,396	252,240	70,800	
N. Terr.	523,620	3,378	1,472	4,850	4,031	1,239	5,270	(a)	
A.C.T.	939	4,805	4,142	8,947	7,396	7,703	15,099	12,200	
Australia	2,974,581	3,367,111	3,262,728	6,629,839	3,740,833	3,725,623	7,466,456	3,647,000 (b)	

(a) Not available.

(b) Excludes Darwin, N.T.

### ESTIMATED POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINALS.(a)

31st Dec.—	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tas- mania.	Nor. Terr.	A. C. T. (b)	Australia.
1900	1,360,305	1,196,213	493,847	357,250	179,967	172,900	4,857	..	3,765,339
1910	1,643,855	1,301,408	599,016	406,868	276,832	193,803	3,301	..	4,425,083
1920	2,091,722	1,527,909	750,624	491,006	331,323	212,752	3,989	1,972	5,411,297
1930	2,546,353	1,792,605	916,736	574,467	431,610	225,297	4,964	8,719	6,500,751
1938	2,735,695	1,873,760	1,004,150	595,109	462,461	241,407	5,645	11,464	6,929,691
1940	2,782,846	1,918,217	1,031,471	599,363	472,620	243,343	6,299	14,085	7,068,244
1942	2,830,417	1,965,965	1,039,626	612,593	479,281	241,901	4,928	14,621	7,189,332
1943	2,851,223	1,985,916	1,056,883	618,064	481,676	243,670	5,133	14,200	7,256,765
1944	2,881,306	2,002,868	1,070,319	624,924	487,431	246,171	5,188	14,494	7,332,701
1945	2,912,983	2,020,630	1,086,628	632,609	492,018	249,414	5,242	14,804	7,414,328

(a) Populations shown prior to 1938 have been adjusted in accordance with Census results. (b) Prior to 1911, part of New South Wales.

### ESTIMATED MEAN POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINALS.(a)

Year.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tas- mania.	Nor. Terr.	A. C. T. (b)	Australia.
1901	1,363,373	1,203,137	501,432	357,343	188,135	172,525	4,765	..	3,790,710
1910	1,632,990	1,282,477	591,591	397,700	271,019	191,005	3,403	..	4,370,185
1920	2,067,715	1,512,093	745,957	486,619	330,023	210,350	4,211	2,174	5,359,142
1930	2,532,289	1,786,217	910,319	573,242	429,079	220,933	4,979	8,961	6,466,019
1938	2,721,196	1,867,818	1,000,749	592,579	459,977	235,678	5,726	11,124	6,894,847
1940	2,772,132	1,903,702	1,026,099	599,103	470,906	240,438	6,255	13,556	7,032,191
1942	2,816,052	1,963,059	1,037,374	610,502	478,240	240,520	4,868	14,591	7,165,206
1943	2,838,426	1,977,329	1,049,570	615,257	480,125	242,329	5,076	14,202	7,222,314
1944	2,866,586	1,994,478	1,063,651	621,378	484,535	244,967	5,159	14,346	7,295,100
1945	2,897,526	2,011,878	1,078,530	628,913	489,803	247,803	5,217	14,643	7,374,313

(a) Populations shown prior to 1938 have been adjusted in accordance with Census results. (b) Prior to 1911, part of New South Wales.

NOTE.—The population estimates for the years 1939 onward include surviving members of the fighting forces according to the State in which they resided prior to their enlistment, and irrespective of whether they were within Australia or overseas.

Owing to troop movements records of interstate migration are unsatisfactory, and estimates of State populations since the commencement of the war are still subject to adjustment for interstate migration.

## BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES.

State or Territory.	Births.			Deaths.(a)			Marriages.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	

QUARTER ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1946.

New South Wales	9,111	8,590	17,701	4,684	3,524	8,208	7,198
Victoria ..	6,213	5,819	12,032	3,120	2,892	6,012	4,678
Queensland ..	3,644	3,420	7,064	1,776	1,336	3,112	2,655
South Australia ..	2,134	2,040	4,174	1,022	873	1,895	1,568
Western Australia	1,675	1,559	3,234	875	571	1,446	1,156
Tasmania ..	980	936	1,916	407	344	751	625
Northern Territory	20	18	38	17	4	21	17
Australian Capital Territory ..	69	70	139	12	9	21	29
Australia ..	23,846	22,452	46,298	11,913	9,553	21,466	17,926

NINE MONTHS ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1946.

New South Wales	24,659	23,190	47,849	12,222	9,469	21,691	23,609
Victoria ..	16,768	15,538	32,306	8,313	7,708	16,021	15,674
Queensland ..	10,134	9,597	19,731	4,743	3,399	8,142	8,760
South Australia ..	5,644	5,338	10,982	2,587	2,236	4,823	4,957
Western Australia	4,306	3,975	8,281	2,156	1,476	3,632	3,777
Tasmania ..	2,466	2,320	4,786	1,071	862	1,933	1,958
Northern Territory	44	51	95	35	6	41	47
Australian Capital Territory ..	181	179	360	38	27	65	107
Australia ..	64,202	60,188	124,390	31,165	25,183	56,348	58,889

(a) Excludes deaths of Defence personnel and of Internees and Prisoners of War from overseas.

State or Territory.	1938.	1943.	1944.	1945.	Nine months ended 30th September—	
					1945.	1946.

## BIRTHS—NUMBER.

New South Wales ..	..	47,319	57,265	59,612	61,662	46,859	47,849
Victoria ..	..	30,344	39,117	39,358	41,200	30,714	32,306
Queensland ..	..	18,992	23,234	24,520	26,713	20,753	19,731
South Australia ..	..	9,410	13,145	13,311	14,033	10,558	10,982
Western Australia ..	..	9,141	10,481	10,870	10,672	8,168	8,281
Tasmania ..	..	4,907	5,597	5,200	5,785	4,336	4,786
Northern Territory ..	..	102	80	89	90	70	95
Australian Capital Territory		200	37 <sup>a</sup>	384	405	294	360
Australia ..	..	120,415	149,295	153,344	160,560	121,752	124,390

Births, Deaths and Marriages—*continued.*

State or Territory.	1938.	1943.	1944.	1945.	Nine months ended 30th September	
					1945.	1946.

## BIRTH-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.

					(a)	(a)
New South Wales ..	17.39	20.17	20.80	21.28	21.55	21.81
Victoria ..	16.25	19.78	19.73	20.48	20.34	21.21
Queensland ..	18.98	22.14	23.05	24.77	25.65	24.11
South Australia ..	15.88	21.37	21.42	22.31	22.38	23.01
Western Australia ..	19.87	21.83	22.43	21.79	22.22	22.35
Tasmania ..	20.82	23.10	21.23	23.35	23.31	25.42
Northern Territory ..	17.81	15.76	17.25	17.25	17.87	24.13
Australian Capital Territory ..	17.98	26.48	26.77	27.66	26.56	32.04
Australia ..	17.46	20.67	21.02	21.77	22.00	22.27

(a) Equivalent annual rates.

## DEATHS(a)—NUMBER.

					(a)	(a)
New South Wales ..	26,105	28,870	26,652	26,994	20,370	21,691
Victoria ..	18,955	21,327	20,502	20,496	15,404	16,021
Queensland ..	9,201	10,576	9,385	9,459	7,096	8,142
South Australia ..	5,539	6,482	5,984	6,049	4,568	4,823
Western Australia ..	4,234	4,587	4,478	4,712	3,519	3,632
Tasmania ..	2,288	2,527	2,494	2,413	1,792	1,933
Northern Territory ..	69	49	31	35	28	41
Australian Capital Territory ..	60	68	70	73	59	65
Australia ..	66,451	74,486	69,596	70,231	52,836	56,348

(a) Excludes deaths of Defence personnel and of Internees and Prisoners of War from overseas.

## DEATH-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.

					(a)	(a)
New South Wales ..	9.59	10.17	9.30	9.32	9.37	9.89
Victoria ..	10.15	10.79	10.28	10.19	10.20	10.52
Queensland ..	9.19	10.08	8.82	8.77	8.77	9.95
South Australia ..	9.35	10.54	9.63	9.62	9.68	10.10
Western Australia ..	9.20	9.55	9.24	9.62	9.57	9.80
Tasmania ..	9.71	10.43	10.18	9.74	9.63	10.27
Northern Territory ..	12.05	9.65	6.01	6.71	7.15	10.41
Australian Capital Territory ..	5.39	4.79	4.88	4.99	5.33	5.79
Australia ..	9.64	10.31	9.54	9.52	9.55	10.09

(a) Equivalent annual rates.

## MARRIAGES—NUMBER.

New South Wales ..	24,579	26,302	26,426	25,283	18,499	23,609
Victoria ..	17,113	18,356	17,857	16,501	11,897	15,674
Queensland ..	8,853	9,979	11,325	9,905	7,345	8,760
South Australia ..	5,489	6,263	6,019	5,321	3,922	4,957
Western Australia ..	4,153	4,528	4,506	3,788	2,777	3,777
Tasmania ..	2,082	2,102	1,935	1,868	1,327	1,958
Northern Territory ..	67	46	31	48	33	47
Australian Capital Territory ..	75	97	102	108	81	107
Australia ..	62,411	67,673	68,201	62,822	45,881	58,889

## Births, Deaths and Marriages—continued.

State or Territory.	1938.	1943.	1944.	1945.	Nine months ended 30th September—	
					1945.	1946.
MARRIAGE-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.						
New South Wales ..	..	9.03	9.27	9.22	8.73	8.51
Victoria ..	..	9.16	9.28	8.95	8.20	7.88
Queensland ..	..	8.85	9.51	10.65	9.18	9.08
South Australia ..	..	9.26	10.18	9.69	8.46	8.31
Western Australia ..	..	9.03	9.43	9.30	7.73	7.55
Tasmania ..	..	8.83	8.67	7.90	7.54	7.13
Northern Territory ..	..	11.70	9.06	6.01	9.20	8.42
Australian Capital Territory		6.74	6.83	7.11	7.38	7.32
Australia ..	..	9.05	9.37	9.35	8.52	8.29
						10.54

(a) Equivalent annual rates.

## DEATHS OF CHILDREN UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE.

New South Wales ..	..	1,980	2,072	1,829	1,889	1,449	1,508
Victoria ..	..	1,038	1,399	1,258	1,155	863	905
Queensland ..	..	784	878	768	795	598	585
South Australia ..	..	287	482	387	394	289	299
Western Australia ..	..	309	342	354	315	241	281
Tasmania ..	..	195	227	199	159	115	154
Northern Territory ..	..	6	6	2	5	3	1
Australian Capital Territory		8	7	9	5	4	10
Australia ..	..	4,607	5,413	4,806	4,717	3,562	3,743

## INFANTILE MORTALITY—PER 1,000 BIRTHS.

New South Wales ..	..	41.84	36.18	30.68	30.63	30.92	31.52
Victoria ..	..	34.21	35.76	31.96	28.03	28.10	28.01
Queensland ..	..	41.28	37.79	31.32	29.76	28.82	29.65
South Australia ..	..	30.50	36.67	29.07	28.08	27.37	27.23
Western Australia ..	..	33.80	32.63	32.57	29.52	29.51	33.93
Tasmania ..	..	39.74	40.56	38.27	27.48	26.52	32.18
Northern Territory ..	..	58.82	75.00	22.47	55.56	42.86	10.53
Australian Capital Territory		40.00	18.62	23.44	12.35	13.61	27.28
Australia ..	..	38.26	36.26	31.34	29.38	29.26	30.09

## MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA.(a)

Figures to 1333 adjusted in accordance with the results of the 1933 Census.

Year.	Arrivals.			Departures.			Excess of Arrivals over Departures.
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
1921-25 ..	289,695	188,357	478,052	171,974	122,535	294,509	183,543
1926-30 ..	266,593	203,887	470,480	193,013	147,409	340,422	130,058
1931-35 ..	124,207	115,116	239,323	134,883	115,326	250,209	(b) 10,886
1936-40 ..	161,774	159,538	321,312	140,901	137,283	278,184	43,128
1941-45 ..	35,422	28,503	63,925	30,097	26,019	56,116	7,809
1938 ..	39,910	38,018	77,928	34,206	34,585	68,791	9,137
1941 ..	11,861	10,806	22,661	10,063	7,414	17,477	5,184
1942 ..	6,295	5,971	12,266	3,059	3,041	6,100	6,166
1943 ..	3,931	2,194	6,125	2,822	2,032	4,854	1,271
1944 ..	4,454	3,043	7,497	5,389	4,291	9,680	(b) 2,183
1945 ..	8,881	6,495	15,376	8,764	9,241	18,005	(b) 2,629
1945 (nine months)	5,337	3,773	9,110	5,950	6,773	12,723	(b) 3,613
1946 (nine months)	11,082	11,080	22,162	17,126	20,621	37,747	(b) 15,585

(a) Excludes troop movements 1939 and onward.

(b) Excess of Departures over Arrivals.

## MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA.(a)

ARRIVALS and DEPARTURES according to Nationality or Race of Persons who arrived or departed.

Nationality or Race.	Arrivals.			Departures.		
	Quarter ended Sept.—	Nine months ended September—		Quarter ended Sept.—	Nine months ended September—	
		1946.	1945.		1946.	1945.
<b>European—</b>						
American (U.S.) ..	421	375	1,244	643	635	2,961
British (b) (Native born) ..	6,594	7,697	17,496	9,857	11,197	27,648
Danish ..	16	14	39	15	19	74
Dutch ..	309	363	1,231	3,598	116	4,575
Finnish ..	2	2	4	2	1	7
French ..	91	207	328	193	285	391
German ..	81	22	157	62	40	143
Greek ..	26	5	52	14	7	23
Italian ..	6	4	18	40	39	73
Norwegian ..	7	16	44	14	11	87
Polish ..	51	28	120	29	23	84
Russian ..	37	41	87	71	42	126
Swedish ..	5	6	16	9	17	42
Swiss ..	14	9	29	31	17	80
Yugoslav ..	4	1	55	2	3	6
Other ..	181	42	453	80	64	218
 Total European ..	 7,845	 8,832	 21,373	 14,660	 12,516	 36,538
 <b>Non-European—</b>	 	 	 	 	 	 
Chinese ..	85	88	234	256	31	435
East Indian (natives) ..	1	29	5	11	97	245
Filipino ..	2	6	4	1	..	7
Indian and Cingalese ..	226	117	420	210	41	411
Japanese ..	..	..	3	1	..	2
Malay ..	1	..	6	8	1	47
Thai ..	..	..	1	2	..	2
Syrian ..	2	1	6	..	2	1
Other Asiatic ..	39	17	57	22	11	40
Papuan ..	7	1	26	..	4	..
Polynesian, Melanesian ..	7	6	17	5	13	13
Other Non-European ..	1	13	10	1	7	6
 Total Non-European ..	 371	 278	 789	 517	 207	 1,209
 <b>GRAND TOTAL ..</b>	 8,216	 9,110	 22,162	 15,177	 12,723	 37,747

(a) Excludes troop movements.

(b) Includes Maltese and Cypriote.

## MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA.(a)

ARRIVALS and DEPARTURES according to the Countries of Embarkation or Disembarkation.

Country.	Arrivals.			Departures.		
	Quarter ended Sept.—	Nine months ended September—		Quarter ended Sept.—	Nine months ended September—	
		1946.	1945.		1946.	1945.
Great Britain ..	2,687	1,689	6,687	2,486	4,782	7,183
Canada ..	55	23	93	97	58	116
Fiji ..	64	60	425	96	72	150
Hong Kong ..	153	5	552	726	20	939
India and Ceylon ..	478	599	1,016	347	760	1,018
New Zealand ..	2,315	3,518	6,506	2,648	2,816	7,663
Norfolk Island ..	31	68	53	50	96	132
Papua ..	193	243	393	492	190	1,511
Solomon Islands ..	1	8	1	11	10	43
Straits Settlements ..	649	42	1,388	709	1	1,643
Territory of New Guinea ..	114	437	282	388	200	862
Union of South Africa ..	43	292	161	400	326	603
Other British Possessions ..	61	16	353	201	15	342
 Total, British Countries	 6,844	 7,000	 17,910	 8,651	 9,346	 22,205
 Egypt ..	 8	 1	 47	 16	 10	 22
France ..	8	..	9	68	..	86
Germany ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Italy ..	..	5	8	24	..	29
Japan ..	11	1	21	54	..	60
Netherlands East Indies ..	145	283	791	536	265	1,333
New Caledonia ..	44	176	246	48	258	186
Philippine Islands ..	95	529	205	56	82	272
South Sea Islands ..	30	96	95	98	148	181
United States of America ..	788	936	2,342	2,060	2,479	9,104
Other Foreign Countries ..	243	83	488	3,566	135	4,269
 Total Foreign Countries	 1,372	 2,110	 4,252	 6,526	 3,377	 15,542
 GRAND TOTAL ..	 8,216	 9,110	 22,162	 15,177	 12,723	 37,747

(a) Excludes troop movements.

**Section II.—Production.**  
**PRINCIPAL CROPS—AUSTRALIA.**  
**AREA OF CROPS.**

Season.	Grain.			Hay.	Sugar-cane.	Total Area of Crops.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Maize.			
1938-39 ..	14,346,380	1,784,205	324,146	3,250,260	368,592	23,497,780
1940-41 ..	12,644,646	1,722,902	362,871	2,353,506	371,623	21,117,830
1941-42 ..	12,003,483	1,460,472	301,360	2,758,128	352,178	20,450,345
1942-43 ..	9,280,345	1,496,913	284,592	2,359,115	329,051	17,419,717
1943-44 ..	7,875,121	1,415,344	282,681	2,044,114	336,419	15,902,212
1944-45 ..	8,463,151	2,034,480	256,955	2,408,683	325,978	17,471,853
1945-46(a) ..	11,425,384	1,949,047	235,729	2,757,236	336,960	20,422,308

(a) Subject to revision.

## TOTAL PRODUCTION.

Season.	Grain.			Hay.	Sugar-cane.	Cane Sugar.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Maize.			
1938-39 ..	155,368,621	15,554,735	7,056,642	3,321,161	5,678,894	820,086
1940-41 ..	82,233,324	10,199,218	9,192,744	2,177,470	5,523,416	806,457
1941-42 ..	166,712,865	22,302,478	7,436,174	3,574,888	5,153,670	745,980
1942-43 ..	155,727,983	21,531,525	6,884,953	3,116,055	4,691,501	649,899
1943-44 ..	109,719,577	17,711,918	7,432,618	2,716,872	3,687,981	523,865
1944-45 ..	52,879,802	8,969,697	6,462,987	1,993,518	4,598,318	669,943
1945-46(a) ..	142,409,556	25,774,113	5,729,252	3,492,975	4,647,514	663,903

(a) Subject to revision.

## AVERAGE YIELD PER ACRE.

	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.(a)	Tons.(a)
1938-39 ..	10.83	8.72	21.77	1.02	21.65	3.13
1940-41 ..	6.50	5.92	25.33	0.93	20.20	2.95
1941-42 ..	13.89	15.27	24.67	1.30	20.25	2.93
1942-43 ..	16.78	14.38	24.19	1.32	19.47	2.70
1943-44 ..	13.93	12.52	26.29	1.33	16.09	2.29
1944-45 ..	6.25	4.41	25.15	0.83	20.31	2.96
1945-46(b) ..	12.46	13.22	24.30	1.27	19.72	2.82

(a) Per acre of productive crop.

(b) Subject to revision.

## AREA OF WHEAT.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1938-39 ..	4,650,872	2,748,362	142,017	3,080,401	3,412,818	9,849	2,061	14,346,380
1942-43 ..	3,032,916	2,145,156	334,785	2,009,027	1,753,178	4,128	1,125	9,280,345
1943-44 ..	2,693,302	1,793,428	281,302	1,533,816	1,567,016	4,839	1,418	7,875,121
1944-45 ..	2,844,804	2,141,729	332,365	1,623,145	1,515,762	3,832	1,514	8,463,151
1945-46(a) ..	3,773,901	3,251,393	392,502	2,165,004	1,835,780	4,982	1,822	11,425,384
1946-47(a) ..	3,994,522	3,425,303	100,000	2,445,000	2,400,000	4,321	2,000	12,371,146

## TOTAL PRODUCTION OF WHEAT.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
1938-39 ..	59,898,000	18,104,369	8,583,736	31,674,418	36,843,600	205,263	59,235	155,368,621
1942-43 ..	51,693,045	41,803,107	5,005,065	36,525,459	20,600,000	73,320	27,987	155,727,983
1943-44 ..	47,500,000	19,733,322	5,084,292	20,690,471	16,550,000	122,141	39,351	109,719,577
1944-45 ..	17,133,870	3,497,677	6,980,766	9,244,211	15,928,774	92,650	1,854	52,879,802
1945-46(a) ..	62,520,000	29,633,760	8,187,687	21,033,841	20,929,000	66,637	38,631	142,409,556
1946-47(b) ..	14,500,000	47,000,000	1,000,000	28,150,000	26,000,000	100,000	40,000	116,790,000

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Forecast.

## Principal Crops—Australia—continued.

## AVERAGE YIELD OF WHEAT PER ACRE.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	A.C.T.	Australia.
1938-39	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
1938-39	12.88	6.59	19.42	10.28	10.79	20.84	28.74	10.83
1942-43	17.04	19.49	14.95	18.18	11.75	17.76	24.88	16.78
1943-44	17.64	11.00	18.07	13.49	10.56	25.24	27.75	13.93
1944-45	6.02	1.63	21.00	5.70	10.51	24.18	1.22	6.25
1945-46a	16.57	9.11	20.86	9.72	11.40	13.38	21.20	12.46
1946-47b	3.63	13.72	10.00	11.51	10.83	23.14	20.00	9.44

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Forecast.

## NUMBER OF PRINCIPAL LIVE STOCK.

Mar.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land. (a)	S. Aust. (a)	W. Aust. (a)	Tasmania. (a)	N. Terr. (a)	A.C.T.	Australia.
HORSES.									
1939	531,355	343,828	444,521	195,834	143,674	30,458	33,191	1,195	1,724,056
1941	531,776	318,441	441,770	182,206	130,057	29,406	30,716	1,244	1,665,616
1942	525,697	302,401	431,363	171,092	124,402	(b) 28,612	26,209	1,283	1,611,050
1943c	483,277	292,534	392,639	164,855	112,782	27,077	a 43,663	1,143	1,517,970
1944c	465,672	277,662	387,018	154,102	106,743	26,317	a 30,534	1,151	1,449,199
1945c	436,443	253,782	380,670	133,003	96,528	25,885	a 31,803	1,091	1,359,205
1946c	403,645	232,473	367,357	115,949	88,180	24,863	a 31,883	1,048	1,265,398

## CATTLE.

1939	2,811,884	1,697,295	6,097,089	318,897	767,680	262,407	899,472	7,057	12,861,781
1941	2,769,061	1,922,336	6,210,810	376,654	788,928	259,108	922,308	6,636	13,255,841
1942	2,878,450	1,958,544	6,303,467	399,143	839,731	(b) 253,106	892,881	7,432	13,560,754
1943c	3,030,546	2,022,892	6,466,316	424,253	831,231	244,681	a 978,434	6,987	14,005,320
1944c	3,143,378	2,013,033	6,524,553	414,997	807,939	230,127	a 978,569	8,083	14,183,679
1945c	3,144,701	1,903,110	6,623,112	391,823	852,563	224,668	a 984,370	9,320	14,133,167
1946c	3,116,834	1,827,087	6,538,067	374,696	833,567	216,306	a 960,039	7,867	13,873,863

## SHEEP.

1939	48,876,663	17,007,352	23,158,569	9,936,586	9,177,531	2,625,690	29,901	245,540	111,057,832
1941	55,568,000	20,412,362	23,936,099	10,263,423	9,516,272	2,682,375	33,703	281,791	122,694,025
1942	56,737,000	20,598,201	25,196,245	10,245,894	9,722,780	b 2,398,201	28,245	262,563	125,189,129
1943c	56,048,598	19,614,040	25,650,231	10,370,565	10,424,385	2,226,906	a 34,603	250,344	124,614,672
1944c	56,837,300	19,220,457	23,255,584	10,359,669	11,012,936	2,187,799	a 25,575	274,642	123,173,962
1945c	46,662,000	16,457,101	21,292,120	8,473,939	10,049,587	2,156,071	a 29,269	250,778	105,370,865
1946c	44,076,000	14,655,277	18,943,762	6,786,538	9,765,983	1,925,604	a 18,561	224,680	96,396,405

## PIGS.

1939	377,344	252,462	325,826	71,292	82,922	45,317	355	573	1,155,591
1941	507,738	397,945	435,966	190,068	217,910	46,713	407	593	1,797,340
1942c	454,102	285,227	424,458	119,765	147,960	(b) 44,519	(a) 418	854	1,477,303
1943c	486,960	307,929	409,348	156,243	151,958	49,251	(a) 532	779	1,563,000
1944c	561,294	337,878	450,391	186,007	163,876	46,427	(a) 191	657	1,746,721
1945c	523,917	296,232	438,088	160,875	163,993	46,915	(a) 146	689	1,030,855
1946c	432,412	271,887	415,411	119,986	137,872	46,915	(a) 407	619	1,425,509

(a) December, previous year.

(b) As at March.

(c) As at 31st March; 1946 figures subject to revision.

## WOOL (AS IN THE GREASE) PRODUCED.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr. (b)	A.C.T.	Australia.
1938-39..	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.
1939-40..	437,141	165,829	a 179,459	102,888	78,802	17,519	35	1,909	983,582
1940-41..	546,273	179,126	a 195,770	105,266	80,657	18,334	35	2,233	1,127,694
1941-42..	536,908	187,831	a 214,704	106,647	76,170	17,078	308	2,128	1,141,774
1942-43..	497,538	212,325	213,966	108,637	99,231	17,256	308	2,203	1,167,158
1943-44..	537,410	196,415	194,355	115,464	105,226	17,925	308	1,913	1,169,016
1944-45..	448,683	177,143	178,719	106,708	86,841	17,378	308	1,763	1,017,543
1945-46(c)	431,549	140,000	170,000	73,500	86,986	15,500	155	1,960	919,650

(a) For year ended previous 31st December.

(b) Estimated.

(c) Subject to revision.

## PRINCIPAL DAIRY PRODUCE.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
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## BUTTER.

	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1938-39	53,045	58,291	70,369	9,249	7,254	5,284	8	203,500
1940-41	48,466	69,797	53,544	9,545	6,802	4,729	10	192,893
1941-42	39,831	62,864	43,582	9,133	7,612	4,602	7	167,631
1942-43	43,873	56,105	50,541	9,180	7,027	4,505	6	171,237
1943-44	41,231	49,838	45,996	8,841	6,573	3,799	4	156,282
1944-45	34,028	47,195	43,006	7,700	5,940	4,091	3	141,903
1945-46(a)	35,154	50,539	45,787	8,582	5,926	4,253	3	150,194

## CHEESE.

	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1938-39	3,343	8,729	7,039	8,239	436	1,518	..	29,304
1940-41	2,888	8,204	5,239	8,673	428	1,357	..	26,789
1941-42	2,348	10,054	7,304	8,439	586	1,412	..	30,143
1942-43	2,350	11,280	12,741	8,000	731	1,032	..	36,134
1943-44	2,467	11,902	10,737	8,806	802	1,111	..	35,825
1944-45	2,005	12,260	10,104	8,244	826	1,181	..	34,620
1945-46(a)	2,222	15,086	11,748	10,066	820	1,171	..	41,113

## BACON AND HAM.

	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1938-39	11,794	7,370	8,492	2,673	1,894	1,015	..	33,238
1940-41	14,091	8,946	10,299	3,345	2,304	913	1	39,899
1941-42	15,293	8,602	10,923	3,942	2,766	937	1	42,464
1942-43	15,082	8,855	13,057	4,428	4,142	1,238	..	46,802
1943-44	13,913	9,687	11,958	4,605	4,358	1,202	..	45,723
1944-45	20,148	12,103	13,298	4,544	5,007	1,190	..	56,290
1945-46(a)	17,546	8,534	11,156	5,216	4,888	1,266	..	48,606

(a) Subject to revision.

## QUANTITIES OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS PRODUCED—AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Gold.	Black Coal.	Pig-iron. (a)	Metallic Contents of Ores and Concentrates Produced.(b)				
				Copper.	Lead.	Silver.	Tin.	Zinc.
1939	Fine oz.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Oz.	Tons.	Tons.
1939 ..	1,645,697	18,535,142	1,104,605	20,560	280,003	15,320,116	3,067	217,256
1940 ..	1,643,999	11,725,683	1,212,006	19,720	287,729	15,871,976	3,501	242,729
1941 ..	1,496,698	14,212,451	1,475,707	20,859	289,436	15,412,581	3,494	248,844
1942 ..	1,153,787	14,903,489	1,557,641	20,402	263,183	14,241,811	2,931	221,834
1943 ..	751,279	14,192,942	1,399,306	24,326	206,376	10,329,830	2,635	182,841
1944 ..	656,867	13,756,089	1,305,357	28,056	189,485	9,365,726	2,547	174,358
1945 ..	657,212	12,853,821	1,117,709	24,520	164,741	8,076,740	2,282	150,313
(9 mths.)	588,000	10,255,440	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)

(a) Year ended June. (b) Source : Australian Mines and Metals Association. (c) Not yet available.

(d) Subject to revision.

## Value of Principal Minerals Produced—continued.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr.	Aust.
COPPER.								
1939 ..	105,407	..	289,927	6,612	1,373	668,561	2,248	1,074,128
1941 ..	117,490	..	620,996	41,390	154	721,985	3,185	1,505,200
1942 ..	277,376	..	625,375	31,715	738	730,675	..	1,665,879
1943 ..	379,800	..	1,111,049	10,100	33	691,199	2,393	2,194,574
1944 ..	309,900	..	1,644,747	12,115	367	633,188	1,873	2,602,195
1945 ..	305,000	..	1,500,662	11,674	364	463,294	3,811	2,234,805
TIN.								
1939 ..	366,138	47,233	200,652	..	3,871	282,798	4,487	905,179
1941 ..	443,123	19,569	204,232	..	1,874	328,340	4,041	1,001,179
1942 ..	417,210	19,173	150,454	..	4,634	297,919	6,627	896,017
1943 ..	403,320	14,162	167,176	10	2,315	246,218	5,594	888,795
1944 ..	309,860	12,835	275,185	..	2,351	235,612	2,086	837,929
1945 ..	291,788	9,869	207,948	..	4,370	240,369	5,026	759,370
COAL (Black and Brown).								
1939 ..	6,768,659	645,766	1,167,844	..	362,811	74,460	..	9,019,540
1941 ..	8,265,881	726,754	1,404,646	..	389,278	85,311	..	10,871,870
1942 ..	9,472,363	880,806	1,698,231	1,650	461,495	108,241	..	12,622,786
1943 ..	9,290,095	958,024	1,824,591	..	489,721	117,361	..	12,679,792
1944 ..	9,206,063	974,237	1,785,621	12,117	583,076	122,673	..	12,683,787
1945 ..	8,694,168	1,135,759	1,759,311	14,508	572,896	125,719	..	12,302,361
ALL MINERALS.								
1939 ..	12,123,751	2,248,169	4,556,962	3,320,181	12,288,532	2,056,741	244,478	36,838,814
1941 ..	15,073,833	2,371,568	5,300,600	3,187,093	12,399,351	2,650,271	274,172	41,256,888
1942 ..	16,258,694	1,980,972	5,023,495	3,012,973	9,487,562	2,494,119	204,366	38,462,181
1943 ..	15,968,578	1,593,994	4,214,525	3,070,716	6,383,755	2,378,533	130,795	33,740,896
1944 ..	16,158,800	1,602,105	4,477,087	2,926,666	5,867,497	2,220,136	126,025	33,178,316
1945(a)	16,013,502	1,830,374	4,355,127	2,225,334	5,804,238	1,934,066	178,097	32,340,738

(a) Subject to revision.

## ESTIMATED NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION—AUSTRALIA.

(RECORDED INDUSTRIES.)

NOTE.—Depreciation and Maintenance Costs have not been deducted.

Industry.	1938-39.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Agricultural ..	41,679	41,571	62,133	77,093	78,437	71,689
Pastoral ..	63,821	83,952	85,358	101,014	108,406	98,374
Dairying ..	33,782	35,706	34,344	42,244	44,823	46,183
Poultry ..	7,302	6,264	6,497	10,724	12,884	14,383
Bee-farming ..	123	309	408	323	393	517
Total Rural ..	146,707	167,802	188,740	231,398	244,943	231,146
Trapping ..	1,422	3,720	5,046	3,550	6,684	6,207
Forestry ..	7,780	9,196	10,051	10,590	11,224	11,259
Fisheries ..	1,655	1,668	1,773	1,930	1,968	2,235
Mines and Quarries ..	27,375	32,365	33,410	30,767	27,459	26,831
Total Non-Rural ..	38,232	46,949	50,280	46,837	47,335	46,532
Total All Primary	184,939	214,751	239,020	278,235	292,278	277,678
Factories ..	203,416	257,914	316,438	352,001	366,236	362,284
Total All Industries	388,355	472,665	555,458	630,236	658,514	639,962

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Estimated Net Value of Production—Australia—continued.

PER HEAD OF MEAN POPULATION.

Industry.	1938-39.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Agricultural ..	6 0 4	5 17 8	8 14 2	10 14 4	10 16 2	9 15 6
Pastoral ..	9 4 3	11 17 7	11 19 4	14 0 11	14 18 8	13 8 3
Dairying ..	4 17 6	5 1 1	4 16 4	5 17 6	6 3 6	6 5 11
Poultry ..	1 1 1	0 17 9	0 18 2	1 9 10	1 15 6	1 19 3
Bee-farming ..	0 0 4	0 0 10	0 1 2	0 0 11	0 1 1	0 1 5
Total Rural ..	21 3 6	23 14 11	26 9 2	32 3 6	33 14 11	31 10 4
Trapping ..	0 4 1	0 10 6	0 14 2	0 9 10	0 18 5	0 16 11
Forestry ..	1 2 6	1 6 0	1 8 2	1 9 6	1 10 11	1 10 9
Fisheries ..	0 4 9	0 4 9	0 5 0	0 5 4	0 5 5	0 6 1
Mines and Quarries ..	3 19 0	4 11 7	4 13 8	4 5 7	3 15 8	3 13 2
Total Non-Rural ..	5 10 4	6 12 10	7 1 0	6 10 3	6 10 5	6 6 11
Total All Primary	26 13 10	30 7 9	33 10 2	38 13 9	40 5 4	37 17 3
Factories ..	29 7 3	36 9 10	44 7 2	48 18 10	50 9 3	49 8 0
Total All Industries	56 1 1	66 17 7	77 17 4	87 12 7	90 14 7	87 5 3

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—AUSTRALIA.

Year.	No. of Establishments.	Hands Employed. (a)	Salaries and Wages Paid. (b)	Value of Plant, Machinery, Land and Buildings.	Value of Materials Used.	Value of Production.	Value of Output.
1938-39	26,941	565,106	106,743,062	274,582,541	281,303,446	203,416,610	500,419,977
1940-41	27,300	650,073	137,919,068	305,449,890	367,157,852	257,914,349	644,794,908
1941-42	26,971	725,342	180,052,212	325,512,892	433,160,480	316,439,028	773,058,971
1942-43	26,414	759,045	208,866,843	344,559,273	472,720,078	352,002,056	850,348,656
1943-44	27,674	766,516	216,873,819	358,139,374	498,923,060	366,235,487	891,739,216
1944-45	28,930	759 79	207,651,800	366,497,167	496,888,671	367,283,355	886,004,777

(a) Average over whole year; includes working proprietors. (b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—STATE DETAILS.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
1938-39.							
1. Factories .. No.	9,464	9,250	3,087	2,067	2,129	944	26,941
2. Hands employed (a) ..	228,781	201,831	54,110	43,371	23,211	13,802	565,106
3. Wages paid (b) .. £	44,606,497	36,026,542	10,887,220	8,169,350	4,573,558	2,479,886	106,743,062
4. Value of fuel, &c., used £	7,651,627	3,999,934	1,423,549	1,017,537	1,169,268	438,000	15,699,921
5. " materials used £	120,501,795	82,971,608	42,596,049	20,308,797	9,003,057	5,321,540	281,303,446
6. " production .. £	90,265,891	65,996,069	19,301,475	13,678,980	8,775,586	5,398,659	203,416,610
7. " output of fact's. £	218,419,313	152,967,611	63,321,073	35,005,264	10,548,511	11,158,205	500,419,977
8. " land & buildings £	57,353,625	42,026,245	12,299,080	8,710,700	6,813,653	3,717,102	130,920,414
9. " plant & mchury £	223,603,640	154,490,654	57,945,796	36,730,842	15,193,718	10,958,410	498,923,060
1943-44.							
1. Factories .. No.	10,755	9,317	2,652	2,149	1,807	994	27,674
2. Hands employed (a) ..	323,032	261,331	64,682	69,569	28,101	19,791	76,506
3. Wages paid (b) .. £	93,518,326	73,961,193	18,071,689	15,711,413	7,417,595	5,193,603	216,873,819
4. Value of fuel, &c., used £	12,808,040	6,826,742	2,162,113	2,436,049	1,503,344	844,381	26,580,669
5. " materials used £	223,603,640	154,490,654	57,945,796	36,730,842	15,193,718	10,958,410	498,923,060
6. " production .. £	162,726,010	123,330,518	30,210,528	28,411,486	12,511,526	9,045,419	366,235,487
7. " output of fact's. £	399,137,690	284,647,914	90,318,437	67,578,377	29,208,588	20,848,210	891,739,216
8. " land & buildings £	78,978,013	55,062,982	13,262,504	17,629,235	6,920,805	5,293,066	177,146,005
9. " plant & mchury £	73,803,954	55,457,719	17,886,417	18,415,477	7,364,909	8,064,293	180,992,769

(a) Average over whole year; includes working proprietors. (b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

## Manufacturing Industries—State Details—continued.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
1944-45.							
1. Factories .. No.	11,359	9,669	2,783	2,182	1,931	1,006	28,930
2. Hands employed(a) .. ,	314,678	257,637	64,135	65,472	29,146	19,511	750,579
3. Wages paid(b) .. £	89,243,041	70,560,011	17,979,827	17,246,148	7,614,243	5,008,530	207,651,800
4. Value of fuel, &c., used £	12,564,956	6,946,053	2,222,879	2,555,739	1,645,087	897,137	26,832,751
5. " materials used £	215,219,002	158,098,051	59,593,548	35,284,903	17,134,744	11,557,523	496,888,671
6. " production .. £	159,874,627	122,377,307	30,902,038	27,267,050	12,960,009	8,902,324	362,283,355
7. " output of fact's. £	387,658,585	287,422,311	92,718,465	65,107,692	31,740,740	21,356,984	886,004,777
8. " land & buildings £	81,058,876	57,808,861	13,689,055	16,877,449	7,654,187	5,491,679	182,580,107
9. " plant & mchnry. £	73,039,252	58,571,064	18,134,011	17,955,288	8,254,231	7,963,214	183,917,060

1945-46(c).

1. Factories .. No.	12,287	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)
2. Hands employed(a) .. ,	315,774						
3. Wages paid(b) .. £	87,647,460						
4. Value of fuel, &c., used £	12,206,641						
5. " materials used £	201,706,086						
6. " production .. £	153,179,489						
7. " output of fact's. £	367,092,216						
8. " land & buildings £	80,308,347						
9. " plant & mchnry. £	72,560,630						

(a) Average over whole year; includes working proprietors. (b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors. (c) Preliminary; subject to revision. (d) Not yet available.

## MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—VALUE OF PRODUCTION—AUSTRALIA.

Class of Industry.	1938-39.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.
		£	£	£
I. Treatment of Non-metalliferous Mine and Quarry Products ..	5,146,151	5,043,168	4,758,486	4,734,190
II. Bricks, Pottery, Glass, &c. ..	5,571,757	4,841,965	4,528,864	4,781,511
III. Chemicals, Dyes, Explosives, Paints, Oils and Grease ..	12,456,370	29,111,775	25,928,424	23,516,420
IV. Industrial Metals, Machines, Imple- ments and Conveyances ..	62,434,973	148,220,089	157,391,098	147,577,793
V. Precious Metals, Jewellery and Plate ..	931,085	931,516	1,020,772	1,044,031
VI. Textiles and Textile Goods ..	10,917,765	21,812,445	22,766,729	22,275,487
VII. Skins and Leather ..	3,182,881	5,473,293	5,885,080	5,737,305
VIII. Clothing ..	16,551,031	23,181,403	24,896,161	27,654,833
IX. Food, Drink and Tobacco ..	41,601,107	56,842,302	59,153,039	62,474,043
X. Woodworking and Basketware ..	9,460,742	13,427,479	14,684,261	15,062,688
XI. Furniture, Bedding, &c... ..	4,200,035	4,061,659	4,063,839	4,240,457
XII. Paper, Stationery, Printing, Book- binding, &c. ..	14,559,073	17,238,875	18,350,059	19,646,332
XIII. Rubber ..	2,761,075	3,647,766	3,862,931	3,850,470
XIV. Musical Instruments ..	136,432	158,484	155,806	183,277
XV. Miscellaneous Products ..	2,097,998	4,665,317	5,283,655	5,490,554
XVI. Heat, Light and Power ..	11,408,135	13,344,520	13,506,283	14,013,964
Total .. ..	203,416,610	352,002,056	366,235,487	362,283,355

**MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Percentage of Each Item of Outlay on Value of Total Output, 1944-45.**

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Wages(a) ..	% 23.02	% 24.55	% 19.39	% 26.49	% 23.99	% 23.45	% 23.44
Fuel, Light, &c. ..	3.24	2.42	2.40	3.93	5.19	4.20	3.03
Materials used ..	55.52	55.01	64.27	54.19	53.99	54.12	56.08
Margin for profits and miscellaneous expenses and charges ..	18.22	18.02	13.94	15.39	16.83	18.23	17.45
Total output ..	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Per cent. of Wages on value of Production ..	55.82	57.66	58.18	63.25	58.75	56.26	57.32

(a) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

**MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Average Amount of Salaries and Wages paid per Employee.(a)**

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
1938-39—Males ..	£ 239.24	£ 224.47	£ 238.59	£ 220.95	£ 235.49	£ 212.09	£ 231.84
Females ..	103.66	108.25	96.00	86.44	99.58	93.19	103.92
1941-42—Males ..	309.85	308.76	274.06	292.68	276.88	253.09	301.86
Females ..	134.96	148.57	116.88	134.47	111.89	116.55	138.44
1942-43—Males ..	344.72	344.06	308.49	313.74	304.34	290.30	335.17
Females ..	157.29	173.10	129.55	157.27	131.70	137.19	160.59
1943-44—Males ..	352.15	349.02	326.70	314.99	316.28	310.15	342.68
Females ..	172.07	179.55	151.65	170.59	150.14	161.57	172.62
1944-45—Males ..	342.98	336.03	324.60	305.39	311.36	301.54	333.03
Females ..	169.83	175.27	153.12	164.86	142.91	157.09	169.44

(a) Excludes working proprietors and amounts drawn by them.

**MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Average Number of Males and Females Employed over whole year, 1944-45.**

Sex.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Males ..	223,770	174,424	51,483	49,056	22,404	14,756	535,893
Females ..	90,908	83,213	12,652	16,416	6,742	4,755	214,686
Masculinity(a) ..	246	210	407	299	332	310	250

(a) Number of males per 100 females.

**Section III.—Shipping and Commerce.**

**OVERSEA SHIPPING(a).—NET TONNAGE ENTERED AND CLEARED—AUSTRALIA.**

(,000 omitted.)

Year.	Tonnage Entered.			Tonnage Cleared.		
	With Cargo.	In Ballast.	Total.	With Cargo.	In Ballast.	Total.
1938-39 ..	5,964	747	6,711	5,990	845	6,835
1943-44 ..	3,604	880	4,484	4,360	843	5,203
1944-45 ..	3,887	597	4,484	3,587	1,062	4,649
1945-46 ..	4,484	713	5,197	3,990	1,409	5,399
1945-46 (three months) ..	1,113	54	1,167	847	377	1,224
1946-47 (three months) ..	1,194	257	1,451	1,216	196	1,412

(a) For 1943-44 to 1945-46—excludes particulars of vessels exclusively engaged in the transport of troops, war equipment and supplies.

**OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE TONNAGE OF CARGO(a).—Discharged and  
Shipped.**  
(*£,000 omitted.*)

NOTE.—Cargo recorded by measurement has been converted to tons measurement on the basis of 40 cubic feet = 1 ton. The figures in the measurement columns are not equivalent to those in the weight columns but are additional.

State or Territory.	Discharged.				Shipped.			
	Interstate.		Oversea.		Interstate.		Oversea.	
	Tons Weight.	Tons Measure- ment.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measure- ment.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measure- ment.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measure- ment.
1945-46. (Three months.)								
New South Wales ..	671	162	548	368	797	94	163	159
Victoria ..	603	61	352	119	164	79	21	119
Queensland ..	84	84	304	49	100	49	120	35
South Australia ..	305	52	88	11	611	35	54	8
Western Australia ..	90	31	162	6	99	14	37	11
Tasmania ..	97	58	33	4	100	81	20	25
Northern Territory(b) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total 1945-46 ..	1,850	458	1,487	557	1,871	353	415	357
1946-47. (Three months.)								
New South Wales ..	698	95	292	143	785	78	468	171
Victoria ..	521	85	225	148	152	98	144	126
Queensland ..	83	72	81	19	99	36	165	19
South Australia ..	391	51	82	33	682	45	115	30
Western Australia ..	46	49	94	9	15	27	100	23
Tasmania ..	81	75	33	6	137	80	7	12
Northern Territory ..	..	2	..	..	2	2	..	..
Total 1946-47 ..	1,820	429	807	358	1,872	366	999	381
Total 1945-46 ..	6,201	1,522	4,608	1,652	6,215	1,213	2,462	1,470
" 1944-45 ..	7,420	1,916	4,343	1,797	7,066	1,640	3,060	1,811
" 1943-44 ..	7,215	1,965	4,138	1,781	7,517	1,722	3,355	1,702
" 1942-43 ..	6,925	2,023	3,654	1,424	7,603	1,808	2,380	1,257
" 1938-39 ..	7,074	2,003	4,208	2,191	7,221	1,731	5,138	1,093

(a) For 1941-42 to 1945-46 excludes cargo from vessels exclusively engaged in the transport of troops, war equipment and supplies.

(b) Port of Darwin closed.

**OVERSEA SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CONTINENT AT 31st DECEMBER, 1946.**

These rates (except those marked with an asterisk) are subject to a "war-time risk" surcharge of 15 per cent.

(Expressed in sterling and subject to adjustment on account of exchange when freight prepaid in Australia—18 per cent. on refrigerated cargo rates and 25 per cent. on other cargo rates.)

(40 Cubic Feet = 1 Ton Measurement.)

**FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—**

Butter (Refrigerator) .. .. .. .. .. 5s. 8d. per box (56 lb.)

Cheese (Refrigerator) .. .. .. .. .. 1½d. per lb.

Eggs (in shell) .. .. .. .. .. 16½s. per ton measurement.

Meats, Preserved by Cold Process (Refrigerator)—

  Beef .. .. .. .. .. 1½d. per lb.

  Lamb .. .. .. .. .. 1½d. " "

  Mutton .. .. .. .. .. 1½d. " "

  Rabbits and Hares .. .. .. .. .. 12½s. per ton measurement.

  Preserved in tins .. .. .. .. .. 107s. " " "

  Sausage Casings (dried, in casks or cases) .. .. .. .. .. 107s. " " "

Milk and Cream (condensed) .. .. .. .. .. 107s. " " "

**FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN—**

\*Sugar (Raw) .. .. .. .. .. 153s. per ton weight.

Jams .. .. .. .. .. 85s. per ton measurement.

Jellies .. .. .. .. .. 197s. " " "

Dried Fruits .. .. .. .. .. 85s. " " "

Fruits, Fresh—

  Apples (Refrigerator) .. .. .. .. .. 6s. per bushel case.

  Oranges (bushel cases) .. .. .. .. .. 6s. " " "

Grain and Pulse, unprepared—

  \*Wheat, Parcels, all States .. .. .. .. .. 115s. per ton weight

  " Charter, Eastern States .. .. .. .. .. 120s. " " "

  " Western Australia .. .. .. .. .. 110s. " " "

  \*Barley .. .. .. .. .. 150s. 9d. " " "

  \*Oats .. .. .. .. .. 160s. " " "

  \*Maize .. .. .. .. .. 149s. " " "

Grain and Pulse, prepared—

  \*Flour, Wheaten .. .. .. .. .. 125s. " " "

  \*Bran .. .. .. .. .. 164s. " " "

  \*Pollard .. .. .. .. .. 155s. " " "

  \*Rice (clean, husked) .. .. .. .. .. 155s. " " "

WINE .. .. .. .. .. 107s. per ton measurement.

Oversea Shipping Freight Rates from Australia to the United Kingdom and Continent at 31st December, 1946—*continued.*

(40 Cubic Feet = 1 Ton Measurement.)

## ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY MANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS—

Hides and Skins—							sd.	per lb.
Calf	..	..	..	..	..	..	1½d.	" "
Sheep	..	..	..	..	..	..	2½d.	" "
Rabbit	..	..	..	..	..	..	2½d.	" "
Other	..	..	..	..	..	..	107s.	per ton measurement.

## VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES—

Pearl shell	..	..	..	..	..	..	1½d.	per lb.
Wool—							2½d.	" "
Greasy	..	..	..	..	..	..	1½d.	per lb.
Tops	..	..	..	..	..	..	2½d.	" "

Compressed Fodder	..	..	..	..	..	..	107s.	per ton measurement.
*Bark, Tanning	..	..	..	..	..	..	107s.	per ton weight.
Copra	..	..	..	..	..	..	104s. 3d.	per ton measurement.
Sandalwood	..	..	..	..	..	..	107s.	" "
Raw Cotton (in bales)	..	..	..	..	..	..	1½d.	per lb. " "

## APPAREL, TEXTILES, AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES—

Apparel and Attire	..	..	..	..	..	..	107s.	per ton measurement.
Binder Twine	..	..	..	..	..	..	187s.	per ton weight.

## OILS, FATS AND WAXES—

Oils, Eucalyptus..	..	..	..	..	..	..	107s.	per ton measurement.
Other	..	..	..	..	..	..	120s. 3d.	per ton weight.

## Tallow, Unrefined

Tallow, Unrefined	..	..	..	..	..	..	120s. 3d.	" "
PAINTS AND VARNISHES	..	..	..	..	..	..	107s.	per ton measurement.

## ORES AND METALS, UNMANUFACTURED OR PARTLY MANUFACTURED—

Ore (in cases)	..	..	..	..	..	..	120s.	per ton weight.
*Zinc, Ex Risdon..	..	..	..	..	..	..	65s.	per ton weight.
*Other than above	..	..	..	..	..	..	65s.	per ton weight.
Dust (in cases)	..	..	..	..	..	..	252s.	" " "
Sheet (in cases)	..	..	..	..	..	..	110s.	" " "
*Copper ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	90s.	" " "
*Lead ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	81s.	" " "
*Steel, Billets (up to 20 ft.)	..	..	..	..	..	..	111s.	" " "
" (over 20 and up to 30 ft.)	..	..	..	..	..	..	127s.	" " "
Tyres ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	94s. 6d.	" " "
Tin Clippings in Ingot form	..	..	..	..	..	..	36s. 6d.	" " "

## RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR—

Rubber..	..	..	..	..	..	..	96s. 6d.	per ton measurement.
Leather	..	..	..	..	..	..	234s. 3d.	per ton weight.

## WOOD, RAW AND MANUFACTURED—

Timber, Logs up to 40-ft. lengths ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	40s.	per 100 super. feet.
" over 40 and up to 50-ft. lengths ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	43s.	" " "
" over 50 and up to 60-ft. lengths ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	46s. 3d.	" " "

## SAWN, Undressed, up to 30-ft. lengths ..

Sawn, Undressed, up to 30-ft. lengths ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	107s.	per ton measurement.
STATIONERY ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	107s.	" " "

## DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILIZERS—

Fertilizers ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	107s.	" " "
MISCELLANEOUS—								

Soap ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	107s.	" " "
Casein ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	168s. 3d.	" " "

## SPECIE ..

SPECIE ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15s.	per cent.
INTERSTATE, NEW ZEALAND AND ISLANDS' SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES, GENERAL CARGO, 31st DECEMBER, 1946.								

(Per Ton Weight or Measurement : 1 Ton Meas. = 40 Cubic Feet.)

To.	From—					
	Brisbane.		Sydney.		Melbourne.	
	Direct.	Trans- shipped.	Direct.	Trans- shipped at Wellington.	Direct.	Trans- shipped at Sydney.
Brisbane ..	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Sydney ..	31 1	..	29 8	..	40 6	..
Melbourne ..	40 6	..	40 6	..	29 8	..
Adelaide ..	51 4	..	55 11	..	29 8	..
Fremantle ..	62 5	72 5	28 7	..	49 5	..
Hobart ..	50 8	65 6	28 7	..	28 7	..
Launceston, Devonport, Burnie	44 2	51 2	28 7	..	26 0	..
New Hebrides ..	60 0	..	60 0	..	..	..
Norfolk Island ..	..	..	50 0	..	..	..
Papua ..	60 0	..	60 0	..	..	..
Territory of New Guinea ..	80 0	..	80 0	..	..	..

NOTE.—The table above includes the following " war-time risk " surcharges :—30 per cent in respect of Fremantle, Hobart, Launceston, Devonport and Burnie; 35 per cent. in respect of the remaining rates except those for New Zealand in which case only those in the last column include surcharge (35 per cent. on 22s.).

**COMMERCE—VALUE OF DIRECT OVERSEA TRADE.**  
**IMPORTS.**  
**(BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.)**

State or Territory.	1938-39.	1943-44.		1944-45.		1945-46.	
		Civil.	Total.	Civil.	Total.	Civil.	Total.
		£ stg. '000.	£ stg. '000.	£ stg. '000.	£ stg. '000.	£ stg. '000.	£ stg. '000.
New South Wales	..	46,348	40,225	101,867	40,757	101,330	46,464
Victoria	..	35,455	27,713	90,252	27,767	64,769	35,389
Queensland	..	7,956	7,153	12,870	5,488	12,956	6,104
South Australia	..	5,851	3,812	4,781	4,055	4,656	5,669
Western Australia	..	5,384	2,881	3,408	3,701	4,042	4,566
Tasmania	..	1,133	639	1,046	700	730	1,113
Northern Territory	..	29	..	..	..	..	143
Total	..	102,156	82,423	214,224	82,468	188,483	99,448
							156,781

**EXPORTS.(a)**  
**(AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES.)**

State or Territory.	1938-39.	1943-44.		1944-45.		1945-46.	
		Civil.	Total.	Civil.	Total.	Civil.	Total.
		£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.
New South Wales	..	45,903	35,332	54,089	37,509	60,837	57,811
Victoria	..	30,819	30,860	36,547	35,539	40,071	43,075
Queensland	..	28,652	16,460	17,889	15,139	18,283	26,190
South Australia	..	14,841	11,432	15,585	14,088	19,167	18,902
Western Australia	..	17,070	8,964	11,423	8,191	12,382	18,673
Tasmania	..	3,198	1,082	1,149	2,465	2,531	3,560
Northern Territory	..	13	..	..	..	104	222
Estimated unrecorded	..	..	..	10,000	..	2,000	..
Total(b)	..	140,496	104,130	146,682	112,931	155,271	168,315
							223,288

(a) In this table goods are shown against the State from which they were finally despatched.

(b) Estimated British currency values are shown in the next table.

**EXTERNAL TRADE—AUSTRALIA—VALUE, AND VALUE PER HEAD OF POPULATION.**  
**(BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.)**

Year.	Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports.(a)			Value per Head of Population.					
			Aust. Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.	Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports.			Exports.
								£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
1938-39..	£stg.'000.	£stg.'000.	£stg.'000.	£stg.'000.	£stg.'000.	£stg.'000.	£stg.'000.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1943-44..	214,357	102,156	108,188	4,013	112,201	31 4 7	14 17 8	15 15 3	0 11 8	16 6 11	1938-39..
1944-45..	331,335	214,224	113,790	3,321	117,111	45 13 0	29 10 4	15 13 6	0 9 2	16 2 8	1943-44..
1945-46..	312,452	188,483	121,042	2,927	123,969	42 12 1	25 14 0	16 10 1	0 8 0	16 18 1	1944-45..
1946-47 (six months)	335,097	156,781	174,750	3,566	178,316	45 4 1	21 3 0	23 11 5	0 9 8	24 1 1	1945-46..
	204,690	81,267	121,908	1,515	123,423	..	..	..	..	..	1946-47 (six months)

(a) Excludes the value of Stores Shipped in Australian ports on board oversea ships. The value of Ships' Stores in Australian currency (£A'000) were—1938-39, £2,106; 1943-44, £8,479; 1944-45, £11,373; 1945-46, £6,332; and 1946-47 (six months), £2,277.

Year.	Imports.			Exports.			Excess of Exports.		
	Merchandise.	Specie and Bullion.	Total.	Merchandise. (a)	Specie and Bullion.	Total. (b)	Merchandise.	Specie and Bullion.	Total.
1938-39..	£stg.'000.	£stg.'000.	£stg.'000.	£stg.'000.	£stg.'000.	£stg.'000.	£stg.'000.	£stg.'000.	£stg.'000.
1943-44..	99,313	2,843	102,156	97,032	15,169	112,201	—	2,281	12,326
1944-45..	210,028	4,196	214,224	117,103	8	117,111	—	92,925	— 4,188
1945-46..	186,044	2,439	188,483	123,961	8	123,069	—	62,083	— 2,431
1946-47 (six months)	155,347	1,434	156,781	156,826	21,490	178,316	1,479	20,056	21,535
	80,841	426	81,267	123,339	84	123,423	42,492	— 342	42,156

(a) The values in Australian currency (£A'000) were—1938-39, £121,533; 1943-44, £146,672; 1944-45, £155,262; 1945-46, £196,424; and 1946-47 (six months) £154,483. (b) The values in Australian currency (£A'000) are shown in the table above for the years 1938-39 and 1943-44 to 1945-46: 1946-47 (six months), £A.154,588.

## CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REVENUE—AUSTRALIA.

Gross Revenue from Customs and Excise under the Sixteen Tariff Divisions and Total Net Revenue collected during the December quarters of 1945 and 1946, the six months ended December, 1945 and 1946, and the financial years 1944-45 and 1945-46.

Division.	December Quarter.		Six Months ended December.		Financial Year.	
	1945.		1946.		1944-45.	1945-46.
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
<b>CUSTOMS.</b>						
1. Ale, Spirits, and Beverages	136,988	169,397	267,031	332,563	506,558	592,924
2. Tobacco, and Manufactures thereof .. ..	1,444,048	2,233,160	2,841,078	4,223,245	5,725,003	5,844,428
3. Sugar .. ..	..	1,031	..	1,707	6	244
4. Agricultural Products and Groceries .. ..	227,352	252,664	424,813	497,348	789,549	947,130
5. Textiles, &c., and Attire ..	251,025	746,571	542,692	1,317,021	1,094,477	1,432,289
6. Metals and Machinery ..	192,593	478,863	426,222	933,545	880,057	1,186,095
7. Oils, Paints and Varnishes ..	2,932,669	4,165,188	5,218,409	8,139,824	8,526,729	12,156,586
8. Earthenware, &c. .. ..	48,143	107,966	111,796	189,253	152,116	288,594
9. Drugs and Chemicals .. ..	40,168	85,059	95,709	154,920	197,417	210,421
10. Wood, Wicker and Cane .. ..	63,498	115,873	140,367	236,072	250,278	335,100
11. Jewellery and Fancy Goods ..	149,353	213,263	234,018	372,401	355,004	563,867
12. Leather and Rubber .. ..	54,146	116,252	87,819	220,099	226,790	240,541
13. Paper and Stationery .. ..	22,636	70,439	41,083	112,046	68,467	96,744
14. Vehicles .. ..	6,694	381,602	18,177	991,004	29,144	250,240
15. Musical Instruments .. ..	664	3,128	1,150	5,809	527	3,584
16. Miscellaneous .. ..	372,064	309,414	663,931	572,400	763,659	1,390,766
Primage .. ..	677,456	1,448,693	1,820,727	2,653,818	2,330,884	3,332,588
Ships' Stores .. ..	8,363	14,894	16,372	32,192	34,379	52,369
Other Miscellaneous Receipts .. ..	35,732	37,022	65,540	83,019	128,960	144,034
Total Customs ..	6,663,592	10,950,479	12,516,934	21,069,186	22,060,013	29,068,544
 <b>EXCISE.</b>						
Beer .. ..	5,571,003	7,528,215	10,805,750	13,721,371	21,674,224	22,841,010
Carbonic Acid Gas .. ..	80,895	48,770	151,121	123,650	321,079	339,736
Cigarette Papers .. ..	161,558	252,353	341,137	457,308	799,126	686,369
Matches .. ..	276,752	360,007	581,684	714,389	1,195,737	1,150,641
Petrol .. ..	105,215	145,113	145,463	315,730	325,389	318,977
Playing Cards .. ..	6,557	12,262	14,220	25,143	43,918	37,289
Spirits .. ..	1,846,595	1,655,420	3,122,790	3,530,855	5,498,031	7,285,844
Tobacco, Cigars, Cigarettes, and Snuff .. ..	4,249,801	4,948,748	8,253,183	9,792,721	16,001,124	16,508,449
Other Excise, including Licences, &c. .. ..	106,132	100,346	216,860	234,070	252,242	420,070
Total Excise ..	12,404,508	15,051,234	23,632,208	28,915,237	46,110,870	49,588,385
Total Gross Customs and Excise Collections ..	19,068,100	26,001,713	36,149,142	49,984,423	68,170,883	78,656,929
Refunds and Drawback paid .. ..	464,235	602,838	927,033	1,150,962	1,684,272	1,738,023
<b>TOTAL NET REVENUE</b> ..	<b>18,603,865</b>	<b>25,398,875</b>	<b>35,222,109</b>	<b>48,833,461</b>	<b>66,486,611</b>	<b>76,918,906</b>

IMPORTS INTO AUSTRALIA OF THE PRODUCE OR MANUFACTURE OF THE UNDERMENTIONED COUNTRIES DURING THE  
THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1946. (VALUES IN BRITISH CURRENCY.)

Classes of Goods.	United Kingdom.	Canada.	Ceylon.	India.	New Zealand.	Palestine.	Union of South Africa.	Egypt.	Iran.	Sweden.	Switzerland.	United States of America.	Total All Countries. (a)
	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	40	..	1	1,279	153	2	134	..	..	..	..	..	46
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin ..	22	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors ..	76	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	78
4. Tobacco and preparations thereof ..	26	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1,278
5. Live animals ..	34	..	..	..	..	47	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,551
6. Animal substances (mainly unmanufactured) not food-stuffs ..	28	13	..	127	329	..	6	..	..	3	..	14	657
7. Vegetable substances and fibres ..	122	4	56	482	195	..	46	74	3	1	20	312	1,546
8. Manufactured fibres, textiles, and apparel ..	4,512	207	11	1,886	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	822
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	45	5	..	27	23	..	..	..	1,664	..	..	..	7,722
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ..	126	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,454
11. Rocks and minerals ..	22	55	5	8	10	..	41	45	8	..	..	..	206
12. Metals, metal manufactures, and machinery ..	5,137	1,545	..	2	10	1	..	..	..	32	14	2,943	9,745
13. Rubber and leather, and manufactures thereof ..	227	3	998	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	71
14. Wood and wicker, raw and manufactured ..	22	143	..	1	40	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,578
15. Earthenware, cements, china, glass, &c. ..	447	26	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	542
16. Pulp, paper and stationery ..	998	938	..	1	34	..	..	..	..	221	..	2	533
17. Fancy goods, jewellery and timepieces ..	303	34	1	5	30	10	101	..	..	..	64	11	8,057
18. Optical, surgical, and scientific instruments ..	332	78	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	601
19. Drugs, chemicals and fertilizers ..	968	26	2	21	4	29	..	6	..	..	..	..	1,767
20. Miscellaneous ..	492	147	1	17	109	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	3,452
21. Gold and silver; and bronze specie ..	..	1	..	..	185	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	196
Total .. ..	13,980	3,228	2,353	2,735	1,232	42	207	200	1,675	276	151	7,634	(b) 39,611

(a) Excludes outside packages, £Stg. 761,000.

(b) Estimated value in Australian currency, £A. 49,613,000.

EXPORTS FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE UNDERMENTIONED COUNTRIES DURING THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1946.  
(VALUES IN AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY.)

Classes of Goods.	United Kingdom.	Canada.	Ceylon.	India.	Malaya (British.)	New Zealand.	Union of South Africa.	Belgium.	Egypt.	France.	Netherlands East Indies.	United States of America.	Total All Countries.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin..	£A.'000. 7,397	£A.'000. 43	£A.'000. 208	£A.'000. 313	£A.'000. 551	£A.'000. 82	£A.'000. 37	£A.'000. ..	£A.'000. 487	£A.'000. 2	£A.'000. 1	£A.'000. 43	£A.'000. 10,873
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin..	2,465	66	1,800	3,449	2,963	1,473	444	6	45	..	23	34	16,502
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors..	225	70	14	23	136	38	2	..	..	..	4	1	680
4. Tobacco and preparations thereof..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	61
5. Live animals..	..	..	..	6	19	25	11	..	..	..	..	1	75
6. Animal substances (mainly unmanufactured) not food-stuffs..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
7. Vegetable substances and fibres..	8,306	1,569	..	348	9	19	14	2,515	45	4,510	..	14,300	37,285
8. Manufactured fibres, textiles, and apparel..	105	..	..	6	5	44	7	4	..	1	..	86	285
9. Oils, fats and waxes..	271	24	11	242	866	330	239	2	105	1	1	46	3,317
10. Pigments, paints and varnishes..	22	5	10	76	17	21	2	2	..	1	..	23	360
11. Rocks and minerals..	..	..	2	1	7	33	2	..	..	..	..	..	63
12. Metals, metal manufactures, and machinery..	264	..	3	..	11	2	24	..	103	..	21	..	155
13. Rubber and leather, and manufactures thereof..	2,389	48	74	1,037	283	731	315	91	25	36	4	47	6,193
14. Wood and wicker, raw and manufactured..	173	4	2	17	56	314	38	2	2	..	..	13	901
15. Earthenware, cements, china, glass, &c..	69	5	7	1	69	79	12	..	..	..	..	3	307
16. Pulp, paper and stationery..	..	..	1	3	45	56	3	..	..	..	..	..	185
17. Fancy goods, jewellery, and timepieces..	21	1	4	7	132	116	5	..	2	..	..	6	384
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments..	3	1	3	12	47	15	24	..	..	..	..	10	160
19. Drugs, chemicals and fertilizers..	5	..	..	6	26	80	4	..	..	..	2	6	178
20. Miscellaneous..	53	17	18	123	263	157	10	..	..	..	1	95	1,208
21. Gold and silver; and bronze specie..	329	4	4	29	103	77	11	..	5	1	1	43	1,224
Total .. ..	22,125	1,860	2,164	5,723	5,905	3,705	1,171	2,725	725	4,579	37	14,022	(a) 80,929

(a) Estimated value in British currency £Stg. 64,614,000.

## EXPORTS OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES FROM AUSTRALIA IN EACH MONTH—EXPORT PRICE. (a)

Item.	Unit of Quantity.	Year.	July.	August.	Septem- ber.	October.	Novem- ber.	Decem- ber.	January.	Februa- ry.	March.	April.	May.	June.	Average for Year.(b)
Wool, Greasy ..	lb.	1945-46 1946-47	s. d. 1 7.0 1 7.3	s. d. 1 7.0 1 8.7	s. d. 1 7.0 1 7.2	s. d. 1 7.0 1 6.5	s. d. 1 7.0 1 7.6	s. d. 1 7.0 1 10.5	s. d. 1 7.0 ..	s. d. 1 7.0 ..	s. d. 1 7.0 ..	s. d. 1 7.0 ..	s. d. 1 7.0 ..	s. d. 1 7.0 ..	s. d. 1 7.0 ..
Wool, Scoured (c)	lb.	1945-46 1946-47	1 10.3 2 7.1	2 4.5 2 7.8	2 4.0 2 10.8	2 4.7 2 9.2	2 4.7 2 9.3	2 3.4 2 11.3	2 7.7 ..	2 3.1 ..	2 4.3 ..	2 9.2 ..	2 9.4 ..	2 7.3 ..	2 5.1 ..
Sheepskins (with wool) ..	No.	1945-46 1946-47	4 2.6 5 6.0	5 2.2 6 10.7	5 3.8 6 1.4	4 1.6 7 9.1	4 5.6 7 10.7	4 10.6 7 0.7	3 8.3 ..	3 0.2 ..	4 0.3 ..	4 10.6 ..	5 4.5 ..	4 10.1 ..	4 7.8 ..
Wheat ..	bushel	1945-46 1946-47	7 0.5 10 3.9	10 .. 10 0.5	9 0.9 10 6.4	8 0.9 10 0.9	9 7.2 10 9.6	9 8.5 17 0.3	..	9 8.8 ..	9 7.6 ..	10 1.6 ..	10 0.1 ..	10 0.1 ..	9 11.6 ..
Flour ..	cental	1945-46 1946-47	14 1.2 23 9.9	14 10.2 25 9.8	17 8.1 26 3.3	17 3.2 30 10.7	20 9.0 25 10.7	21 10.5 26 8.0	22 9.7 ..	22 8.3 ..	22 8.1 ..	22 7.4 ..	22 9.2 ..	22 10.7 ..	21 10.2 ..
Butter ..	lb.	1945-46 1946-47	1 9.9 1 4.6	1 9.4 1 5.1	1 8.9 1 6.0	1 9.6 1 5.9	1 9.4 1 7.3	1 9.3 1 2.6	1 9.2 ..	1 9.3 ..	1 9.5 ..	1 9.4 ..	1 9.2 ..	1 9.6 ..	1 9.4 ..
Raisins ..	lb.	1945-46 1946-47	0 5.1 0 5.6	0 6.8 0 6.3	0 5.5 0 5.9	0 5.9 0 5.9	0 5.8 0 6.3	0 6.3 0 6.5	0 5.7 ..	0 8.0 ..	0 7.3 ..	0 4.0 ..	0 5.5 ..	0 5.6 ..	0 5.5 ..
Wine (d) ..	gal.	1945-46 1946-47	7 7.6 8 5.4	7 5.0 7 1.4	7 10.2 7 9.2	7 7.5 7 8.4	7 9.5 8 0.9	9 10.4 8 5.2	7 5.7 ..	7 9.2 ..	6 7.5 ..	8 10.1 ..	7 4.3 ..	7 3.4 ..	7 8.4 ..
Beef (Frozen) ..	lb.	1945-46 1946-47	0 6.2 0 7.6	0 5.5 0 5.5	0 6.0 0 5.6	0 6.0 0 6.1	0 5.7 0 5.4	0 5.6 0 5.9	0 7.8 ..	0 6.8 ..	0 6.5 ..	0 6.8 ..	0 6.0 ..	0 6.9 ..	0 6.1 ..
Lamb ..	lb.	1945-46 1946-47	0 7.3 0 7.4	0 7.2 0 7.2	0 11.7 0 7.2	0 6.9 0 7.3	0 7.1 0 7.4	0 7.0 0 7.7	0 6.9 ..	0 7.5 ..	0 7.5 ..	0 7.7 ..	0 7.6 ..	0 7.6 ..	0 7. ..
Mutton ..	lb.	1945-46 1946-47	0 5.2 0 4.6	0 4.2 0 3.9	0 5.1 0 4.2	0 5.5 0 3.9	0 5.1 0 4.6	0 5.1 0 3.9	0 5.4 ..	0 4.5 ..	0 5.1 ..	0 4.3 ..	0 4.5 ..	0 4.1 ..	0 4.9 ..
Tallow (Inedible) ..	cwt.	1945-46 1946-47	£ s. d. 2 1 10	£ s. d. 1 12 9	£ s. d. 1 10 2	£ s. d. 2 5 7	£ s. d. 2 4 7	£ s. d. 2 13 8	£ s. d. 3 0 5	£ s. d. 2 10 5	£ s. d. 3 10 3	£ s. d. 3 1 4	£ s. d. 2 5 6	£ s. d. 3 10 10	£ s. d. 2 2 9
Lead (Pig) ..	cwt.	1945-46 1946-47	1 15 1 2 18 2	1 14 10 2 12 10	1 16 2 2 19 8	1 17 10 3 2 6	1 17 3 3 3 11	1 17 10 3 2 6	1 18 1 ..	1 18 3 ..	1 15 5 ..	2 5 10 ..	1 19 9 ..	2 9 7 ..	1 19 0 ..
Zinc Bars ..	cwt.	1945-46 1946-47	1 19 2 2 13 0	1 14 8 2 15 6	2 4 2 2 17 5	2 4 0 3 1 2	2 1 6 2 19 4	2 3 9 2 13 11	1 16 6 ..	2 6 8 ..	2 10 7 ..	2 18 8 ..	2 12 2 ..	2 11 7 ..	2 4 10 ..
Sugar, Raw ..	ton	1945-46 1946-47	17 14 9 21 17 9	18 10 4 22 1 5	18 10 0 23 18 6	18 6 4 22 3 9	18 12 7 22 5 1	18 10 0 22 5 1	20 7 11 ..	21 10 7 ..	..	20 16 3 ..	21 9 11 ..	21 8 7 ..	19 5 8 ..

(a) Values in Australian currency.

(b) Average price of total exports for the year.

(c) Includes noils, tops and waste.

(d) In bulk over 27 per cent. proof.

EXPORTS OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES FROM AUSTRALIA IN EACH MONTH—QUANTITIES.

Item.	Unit of Quantity.	Year.	July.	August.	Septem- ber.	October.	Novem- ber.	Decem- ber.	January.	Februa- ry.	March.	April.	May.	June.	Total for Year.
Wool, Greasy ..	'000 lb.	1945-46 1946-47	57,604 96,370	44,663 102,239	44,147 98,420	30,039 123,481	58,777 74,561	60,025 66,814	63,422 ..	82,814 ..	70,783 ..	40,610 ..	66,338 ..	84,220 ..	712,442 ..
Wool, Scoured, Tops, &c.	'000 lb.	1945-46 1946-47	10,711 13,718	7,798 18,094	6,745 17,109	4,105 20,261	9,155 15,401	3,120 11,878	7,811 ..	9,154 ..	7,498 ..	5,156 ..	11,976 ..	11,426 ..	94,655 ..
Sheepskins (with wool)	'000 No.	1945-46 1946-47	4,111 1,094	599 1,216	295 2,898	701 2,655	1,076 2,249	348 1,606	2,153 ..	768 ..	1,481 ..	3,280 ..	2,021 ..	1,946 ..	18,779 ..
Wheat ..	'000 bus.	1945-46 1946-47	37 1,605	.. 2,910	93 1,467	1 352	.. 699	243 1	.. ..	810 ..	1,687 ..	3,613 ..	3,253 ..	3,057 ..	12,794 ..
Flour ..	'000 cental	1945-46 1946-47	450 1,211	184 2,481	298 1,103	155 1,059	402 753	585 919	973 ..	1,198 ..	1,393 ..	1,422 ..	1,105 ..	2,213 ..	10,378 ..
Butter ..	'000 lb.	1945-46 1946-47	6,676 9,846	3,679 8,191	5,319 10,338	10,537 14,096	13,399 9,248	15,710 16,128	15,881 ..	15,622 ..	11,523 ..	15,695 ..	13,350 ..	10,179 ..	137,570 ..
Raisins ..	'000 lb.	1945-46 1946-47	5,186 26,093	2,543 4,472	2,595 6,534	1,388 2,758	3,387 1,176	1,425 1,035	415 ..	124 ..	70 ..	9,647 ..	26,715 ..	13,752 ..	67,247 ..
Wines (all kinds)	'000 gal.	1945-46 1946-47	176 191	180 363	79 292	130 216	216 176	40 303	154 ..	219 ..	87 ..	157 ..	258 ..	68 ..	1,764 ..
Beef, Frozen ..	'000 lb.	1945-46 1946-47	17,104 3,157	17,141 18,298	4,692 27,530	5,863 24,003	17,377 20,927	8,971 16,783	4,147 ..	4,320 ..	10,151 ..	5,986 ..	1,614 ..	4,425 ..	110,701 ..
Lamb ..	'000 lb.	1945-46 1946-47	1,917 10,779	39 3,851	9 8,537	1,202 10,864	4,990 17,425	9,978 23,384	5,831 ..	8,115 ..	873 ..	1,246 ..	2,614 ..	2,230 ..	39,053 ..
Mutton ..	'000 lb.	1945-46 1946-47	674 5,825	2,504 8,051	1,672 8,972	2,356 7,904	3,594 2,526	1,370 3,556	1,556 ..	764 ..	1,519 ..	683 ..	17 ..	984 ..	17,693 ..
Tallow (Inedible)	'000 cwt.	1945-46 1946-47	38 2	20 4	8 12	17 ..	13 7	6 6	5 ..	3 ..	.. ..	8 ..	10 ..	5 ..	142 ..
Lead (Pig) ..	'000 cwt.	1945-46 1946-47	220 143	150 399	79 262	355 114	185 167	188 43	120 ..	28 ..	182 ..	178 ..	202 ..	194 ..	2,090 ..
Zinc Bars ..	'000 cwt.	1945-46 1946-47	130 90	68 113	77 50	127 119	50 68	84 128	210 ..	12 ..	36 ..	56 ..	108 ..	6 ..	964 ..
Sugar, Raw and Refined ..	'000 ton	1945-46 1946-47	13 18	24 36	7 24	25 18	21 1	15 ..	5 ..	10 ..	1 ..	5 ..	16 ..	9 ..	151 ..

**VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED INTO AND EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.**

Compiled from information supplied by the Department of Trade and Customs.  
(Subject to revision.)

**IMPORTS (BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES).**

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months.	
	1945.	1946.	1945-46.	1946-47.
<b>CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.</b>				
Fish—	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
Preserved in Tins .. .. ..	21	26	201	57
Fresh, Smoked, Potted, &c. .. .. ..	20	23	63	100
Meats—				
Preserved in Tins .. .. ..	6	1	11	5
Potted or Concentrated .. .. ..	4	..	8	7
Sausage Casings .. .. ..	9	57	43	112
Other .. .. ..	..	8	..	19
Milk and Cream .. .. ..	3	..	3	1
Other Animal Foodstuffs .. .. ..	21	26	54	66
Total, Class I. .. .. ..	84	141	383	367
<b>CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN.</b>				
Caramel, Paste and Butter .. .. ..	20	..	84	..
Cocoa and Chocolate .. .. ..	191	24	512	130
Coffee and Chicory .. .. ..	60	46	197	87
Confectionery .. .. ..	8	..	8	3
Fruits—				
Dried, including Dates .. .. ..	..	6	..	6
Fresh .. .. ..	1	..	1	..
Fruits and Vegetables, n.e.i., preserved in liquid .. .. ..	..	..	1	..
Ginger .. .. ..	20	6	38	13
Grain and Pulse—				
Unprepared .. .. ..	404	11	557	63
Prepared .. .. ..	..	..	2	2
Liquorice .. .. ..	9	5	28	21
Nuts, Edible .. .. ..	11	79	59	191
Seeds—Canary, Hemp and Rape .. .. ..	27	28	60	48
Spices .. .. ..	78	102	115	215
Sugar and Sugar Products .. .. ..	3	4	9	11
Tea .. .. ..	1,420	1,376	2,312	2,674
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs .. .. ..	11	24	67	44
Total, Class II. .. .. ..	2,263	1,711	4,050	3,508
<b>CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.</b>				
Spirits (Beverages)—				
Brandy .. .. ..	..	..	1	..
Whisky .. .. ..	69	71	129	148
Wine—Fermented .. .. ..	..	1	..	2
Total, Class III. .. .. ..	69	72	130	150

## Value of Principal Articles, &amp;c.—Imports—continued.

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months.	
	1945.	1946.	1945-46.	1946-47.
	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
<b>CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.</b>				
Cigars, Cigarettes ..	..	..	..	67
Tobacco—				1
Manufactured ..	..	..	3	25
Unmanufactured ..	..	..	1,728	108
Total, Class IV. ..	..	..	1,731	200
<b>CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS.</b>	..	..	30	14
<b>CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES.</b>				
Gut—Imitation and Natural ..	..	..	3	5
Hair and Fibre ..	..	..	25	71
Hides and Skins—				
Calf, Cattle and Horse ..	..	..	47	143
Sheep ..	..	..	7	38
Other ..	..	..	56	264
Silk, Raw ..	..	..	..	145
Wool ..	..	..	5	56
Other Animal Substances ..	..	..	6	19
Total, Class VI. ..	..	..	149	741
<b>CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES.</b>				
Copra ..	..	..	33	62
Cork and Cork Manufactures ..	..	..	65	60
Fibres—				
Cotton, Raw ..	..	..	355	487
Flax, Hemp, &c. ..	..	..	91	269
Kapok ..	..	..	30	75
Synthetic Fibres and Filaments ..	..	..	..	31
Other ..	..	..	113	174
Grass or Straw for Hatmaking, Furniture, Mats, &c. ..	..	..	30	29
Gums and Resins ..	..	..	112	111
Plastic Materials ..	..	..	130	166
Seeds—				
Gardening and Horticultural ..	..	..	77	58
Linseed ..	..	..	327	470
Other ..	..	..	62	73
Tanning Substances ..	..	..	59	37
Other Vegetable Substances ..	..	..	10	78
Total, Class VII. ..	..	..	1,494	2,180
<b>CLASS VIII.—(a) YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES.</b>				
Bags and Sacks—				
Bran, Chaff and Fodder ..	..	..	69	5
Corn and Flour ..	..	..	426	966
Woolpacks ..	..	..	33	60
Other ..	..	..	24	9
Cordage and Twines ..	..	..	28	37
Sewing Cottons, Threads, &c. ..	..	..	112	143
Yarns—				
Artificial Silk ..	..	..	257	337
Cotton ..	..	..	179	305
Silk ..	..	..	..	..
Wool ..	..	..	..	1
Other ..	..	..	35	26
Total, Class VIII. (a) ..	..	..	1,163	1,889
				2,387
				3,151

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Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Imports—continued.

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months.	
	1945.	1946.	1945-46.	1946-47.
	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
<b>CLASS VIII.—(b) TEXTILES.</b>				
Carpets and Other Floor Coverings .. ..	73	731	122	1,346
Cosies, Cushions, D'Qyleys .. ..	12	75	18	135
Handkerchiefs and Serviettes of Cotton or Linen .. ..	30	149	62	256
Piece Goods—				
Canvas and Duck .. .. ..	253	216	484	391
Cotton and Linen .. .. ..	1,495	2,234	3,999	4,508
Hessian and Jute Piece Goods .. .. ..	360	225	630	484
Silk, including Artificial Silk .. .. ..	1,071	2,421	2,672	4,420
Velvets, Plushes, &c. .. .. ..	12	113	21	165
Woollens .. .. ..	32	128	88	231
Other .. .. ..	106	191	339	326
Quilts, Tablecloths, Sheets, &c. .. .. ..	9	25	14	59
Towels and Towelling .. .. ..	57	92	161	159
Other Textiles .. .. ..	294	112	827	213
Total, Class VIII. (b) .. ..	3,804	6,712	9,437	12,693
<b>CLASS VIII.—(c) APPAREL.</b>				
Blouses, Skirts, Jumpers, &c.—				
Not knitted .. .. ..	2	26	2	58
Knitted .. .. ..	..	5	3	13
Boots and Shoes .. .. ..	5	14	7	19
Buttons .. .. ..	9	36	15	52
Furs and Other Skins .. .. ..	..	27	..	79
Gloves .. .. ..	19	54	46	86
Hats and Caps .. .. ..	36	85	53	126
Socks and Stockings .. .. ..	..	2	..	2
Shirts, Collars, Ties, &c. .. .. ..	4	7	6	9
Trimmings and Ornaments .. .. ..	106	298	202	514
Other Apparel and Attire .. .. ..	52	141	155	216
Total, Class VIII. (c) .. ..	233	695	489	1,174
Total, Class VIII. .. ..	5,200	9,296	12,313	17,018
<b>CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS AND WAXES.</b>				
Fats and Waxes, &c. .. ..	59	107	141	223
Oils—				
Kerosene .. .. ..	209	350	565	621
Linseed .. .. ..	..	3	..	3
Lubricating (Mineral) .. .. ..	306	368	589	830
Olive .. .. ..	..	2	..	2
Petroleum .. .. ..	1,789	2,294	3,891	3,675
Residual .. .. ..	2,095	1,160	3,789	2,157
Turpentine .. .. ..	40	81	59	166
Other .. .. ..	101	231	369	373
Total, Class IX. .. ..	4,599	4,596	9,403	8,050
<b>CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS AND VARNISHES.</b>				
Paints and Colours .. ..	144	186	364	390
Varnishes, Stains, Lacquers, &c. .. ..	3	2	5	3
Total, Class X. .. ..	147	188	369	393

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Imports—*continued.*

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months.	
	1945.	1946.	1945-46.	1946-47.
	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
CLASS XI.—Rocks, MINERALS, ETC.				
Asphalt, Bitumen and Pitch	..	96	167	154
Stones—				
Abrasives	..	22	45	57
Other	..	..	3	..
Other Minerals, &c.	..	221	314	416
Total, Class XI.	..	339	529	627
				964
CLASS XII.—(a) METALS AND MANUFACTURES.				
Alloys	..	22	40	33
Aluminium Blocks, Ingots, &c.	..	24	11	45
Bolts, Nuts, Rivets, Washers	..	10	15	18
Iron and Steel—				
Bars, Rods, &c.	..	51	84	128
Channels, Girders, Joists, &c.	..	3	..	3
Pig and Scrap	..	..	..	..
Pipes and Tubes	..	20	10	37
Plate and Sheet—				
Plain	..	43	126	112
Tinned	..	315	801	1,440
Nails	..	5	13	8
Rails, Fishplates, Fishbolts, &c.	..	..	..	..
Wire	..	75	55	128
Lamps and Lampware	..	24	44	53
Leaf and Foil	..	15	53	40
Pins, Hooks, Eyes, &c.	..	27	73	56
Platedware and Cutlery	..	73	316	204
Tools of Trade	..	284	200	580
Vehicles—				
Aircraft and Parts	..	1,467	694	5,925
Cycles and Cycle Parts	..	36	75	101
Motor Cars, &c.—				
Bodies and Parts	..	6	29	8
Chassis and Parts	..	1,148	2,481	2,988
Motor Cycles, Side Cars, &c.	..	7	136	10
Other Vehicles and Parts	..	405	120	1,040
Other Metals and Manufactures	..	446	640	996
Total, Class XII. (a)	..	4,506	6,016	13,953
				12,061
CLASS XII.—(b) ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND EQUIPMENT.				
Batteries and Accumulators	..	26	62	54
Cable and Wire, covered	..	72	141	185
Dynamo Electric Machines..	..	146	208	646
Lamps, Filament	..	31	40	75
Telegraph, Telephone Instruments, &c.	..	219	287	506
Other Electrical Appliances	..	710	412	1,426
Total, Class XII. (b)	..	1,204	1,150	2,892
				2,206

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Imports—*continued.*

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months.	
	1945.	1946.	1945-46.	1946-47.
£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
<b>CLASS XII.—(c) MACHINES AND MACHINERY.</b>				
Machinery—				
Agricultural, Horticultural, &c. .. ..	32	39	50	88
Dairying .. .. ..	29	39	58	78
Metal working .. .. ..	104	268	257	489
Mining .. .. ..	26	162	153	229
Motive power .. .. ..	1,889	1,239	4,453	2,299
Printing .. .. ..	14	27	32	76
Machines—				
Sewing .. .. ..	110	138	164	243
Sheep-shearing .. .. ..	16	10	31	17
Weighing .. .. ..	8	12	21	28
Textile-working and Appliances .. .. ..	103	276	213	439
Roller Bearings and Ball Bearings .. .. ..	169	76	285	158
Other Machines and Machinery .. .. ..	556	795	1,109	1,582
Total, Class XII. (c) .. ..	3,056	3,081	6,826	5,726
Total, Class XII. .. ..	8,766	10,247	23,671	19,993
<b>CLASS XIII.—(a) RUBBER AND MANUFACTURES.</b>				
Crude Rubber, Rubber Waste, Masticated, &c.	562	750	826	2,028
Rubber Manufactures—				
Elastics, &c. .. .. ..	23	80	42	138
Tyres, Pneumatic and Other .. .. ..	31	91	57	229
Other .. .. ..	62	81	93	161
Total, Class XIII. (a) .. ..	678	1,002	1,018	2,556
<b>CLASS XIII.—(b) LEATHER, ETC.</b>				
Leather .. .. ..	10	13	16	27
Leather Manufactures, &c. .. ..	5	9	9	19
Total, Class XIII. (b) .. ..	15	22	25	46
Total, Class XIII. .. ..	693	1,024	1,043	2,602
<b>CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.</b>				
Timber—				
Dressed .. .. ..	79	21	130	35
Undressed .. .. ..	234	500	561	709
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including				
Furniture .. .. ..	41	98	109	167
Total, Class XIV. .. ..	354	619	800	911
<b>CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, GLASS.</b>				
Crockery and Household Ware .. .. ..	132	316	319	548
Glass and Glassware .. .. ..	140	280	271	463
Other Earthenware, Cements, China and Stone- ware .. .. ..	78	125	160	253
Total, Class XV. .. ..	350	721	750	1,264

## Value of Principal Articles, &amp;c.—Imports—continued.

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months.	
	1945.	1946.	1945-46.	1946-47.
	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
<b>CLASS XVI.—(a) PULP, PAPER AND BOARD.</b>				
Paper—				
Printing .. .. .. ..	684	1,053	925	2,112
Wrapping .. .. .. ..	30	188	131	333
Writing and Typewriting .. .. .. ..	117	134	341	472
Other Paper .. .. .. ..	86	222	218	479
Pulp for Paper-making .. .. .. ..	159	217	427	598
Millboards and other boards .. .. .. ..	28	53	75	107
Total, Class XVI. (a) .. .. .. ..	1,104	1,867	2,117	4,101
<b>CLASS XVI.—(b) STATIONERY, ETC.</b>				
Books (printed), Directories, &c. .. .. .. ..	307	496	727	1,080
Pens and Pencils .. .. .. ..	32	134	78	223
Price Lists, Circulars, &c. .. .. .. ..	8	14	14	27
Other Stationery .. .. .. ..	93	146	186	283
Total, Class XVI. (b) .. .. .. ..	440	790	1,005	1,613
Total, Class XVI. .. .. .. ..	1,544	2,657	3,122	5,714
<b>CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY, ETC.</b>				
Fancy Goods—				
Articles for games .. .. .. ..	19	33	30	59
Toys, &c. .. .. .. ..	18	109	31	167
Other .. .. .. ..	14	239	40	408
Jewellery—				
Pearls, Cameos, &c. .. .. .. ..	4	80	13	236
Other .. .. .. ..	61	87	61	135
Timepieces, Watches, Clocks, &c. .. .. .. ..	214	187	348	331
Total, Class XVII. .. .. .. ..	330	735	523	1,336
<b>CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS.</b>				
Films for Cinematographs, &c. .. .. .. ..	107	87	231	238
Optical and Meteorological Instruments, &c. .. .. .. ..	46	106	130	192
Phonographs, &c. .. .. .. ..	4	18	10	45
Surgical and Dental Instruments .. .. .. ..	106	193	281	379
Other Instruments .. .. .. ..	135	150	304	326
Total, Class XVIII. .. .. .. ..	398	554	956	1,180
<b>CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS.</b>				
Acids .. .. .. ..	52	56	100	121
Argol .. .. .. ..	..	57	..	72
Cream of Tartar .. .. .. ..	..	1	..	3
Cyanides of Potassium and Sodium .. .. .. ..	3	27	60	41
Drugs, Medicinal Preparations—				
Proprietary Medicines .. .. .. ..	118	177	306	341
Other .. .. .. ..	139	153	260	322
Dyes .. .. .. ..	112	217	220	379
Fertilizers .. .. .. ..	850	858	1,225	1,346
Insecticides, Washes and Dips .. .. .. ..	13	29	52	55
Oils, Essential (non-spirituous) .. .. .. ..	75	91	123	143
Perfumery and Preparations .. .. .. ..	21	53	52	118

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Imports—*continued.*

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months.	
	1945.	1946.	1945-46.	1946-47.
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS, ETC.— <i>continued.</i>	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
Potassium, Carbonate, Chlorates, &c. . .	21	16	37	36
Salt . . . . .	4	10	7	20
Sodium Salts—				
Carbonate (Soda Ash) . . . . .	48	58	85	99
Hydroxide (Caustic Soda) . . . . .	1	8	16	22
Other . . . . .	23	38	57	74
Spirituous Preparations—				
Essences, Fruit Ethers, Flavours, Juices, Syrups . . . . .	3	9	5	14
Other . . . . .	10	13	33	29
Other Drugs and Chemicals . . . . .	224	430	496	833
Total, Class XIX. . . . .	1,717	2,301	3,134	4,068
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Arms, Ammunition and Explosives . . . . .	7,301	573	12,802	3,293
Articles of Celluloid, &c. . . . .	6	47	16	188
Bags, Baskets, Boxes, &c. . . . .	2	77	6	126
Brushware . . . . .	4	65	12	110
Goods imported per parcel post . . . . .	115	19	271	70
Musical Instruments, &c. . . . .	6	29	13	48
Outside Packages . . . . .	589	847	1,187	1,609
Packings for Engines . . . . .	32	47	85	100
Passengers' Effects . . . . .	85	230	145	390
Vessels (Ships) . . . . .	52	3	58	216
All other Articles . . . . .	131	203	202	303
Total, Class XX. . . . .	8,323	2,140	14,797	6,353
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER, AND BRONZE SPECIE.				
Gold, including Gold in matte . . . . .	167	224	408	414
Silver, including Silver in matte . . . . .	19	5	154	12
Bronze Specie . . . . .	..	..	359	..
Total, Class XXI. . . . .	186	229	921	426
SUMMARY.				
Importing States—				
New South Wales . . . . .	18,088	17,023	41,554	36,023
Victoria . . . . .	13,507	15,760	28,124	30,444
Queensland . . . . .	2,408	2,976	6,370	5,410
South Australia . . . . .	3,601	2,795	5,178	5,158
Western Australia . . . . .	878	1,967	1,894	3,528
Tasmania . . . . .	195	353	513	663
Northern Territory . . . . .	89	21	133	41
GRAND TOTAL . . . . .	38,766	40,895	83,766	81,267

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Imports—*continued.*

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months.	
	1945.	1946.	1945-46.	1946-47.

## BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.

		£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
<b>TOTAL IMPORTS—</b>					
Merchandise	..	..	38,580	40,666	82,845
Bullion and Specie	..	..	186	229	921
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>38,766</b>	<b>40,895</b>	<b>83,766</b>

## ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES.

		£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.
<b>TOTAL IMPORTS—</b>					
Merchandise	..	..	48,321	50,934	103,764
Bullion and Specie—					
Gold	..	..	209	280	511
Silver and Bronze	..	..	24	7	642
Total Bullion and Specie	..	..	233	287	1,153
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>48,554</b>	<b>51,221</b>	<b>104,917</b>

## EXPORTS (AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES).

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months.	
	1945.	1946.	1945-46.	1946-47.
<b>CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.</b>				
Butter	..	..	3,543	2,773
Margarine	..	..	139	167
Cheese	..	..	332	559
Eggs	..	..	719	1,968
Infants' and Invalids' Foods	..	..	67	220
Meats—				
Bacon and Hams	..	..	234	107
Mutton, Dehydrated	..	..	..	13
Potted or Concentrated	..	..	119	127
Preserved by Cold Process—				
Beef	..	..	767	1,494
Lamb	..	..	474	1,615
Mutton	..	..	156	236
Pork	..	..	401	181
Rabbits and Hares	..	..	19	94
Preserved in Tins	..	..	1,501	2,365
Sausage Casings..	..	..	51	90
Other	..	..	239	441
Milk and Cream	..	..	884	1,468
Other Animal Foodstuffs	..	..	734	197
<b>Total, Class I.</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>10,379</b>	<b>14,102</b>

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Exports—*continued.*

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months.	
	1945.	1946.	1945-46.	1946-47.
<b>CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN.</b>				
Aerated Waters, Cocoa, Coffee and Chicory,				
Fruit Juices, &c. .. .. ..	108	285	287	575
Biscuits .. .. .. ..	353	83	493	137
Confectionery .. .. .. ..	97	433	184	640
Fodders .. .. .. ..	14	68	48	106
Fruits, Dried—				
Currants .. .. .. ..	27	20	121	126
Raisins .. .. .. ..	153	143	397	1,025
Other .. .. .. ..	55	34	118	151
Fruits, Fresh—				
Apples .. .. .. ..	16	112	50	361
Citrus .. .. .. ..	62	210	118	319
Other .. .. .. ..	11	5	13	29
Fruits, preserved in liquid .. .. ..	187	298	354	989
Fruits and Vegetables, pulped .. .. ..	1,003	279	1,453	816
Grain and Pulse—				
Unprepared—				
Barley .. .. .. ..	248	..	303	
Wheat .. .. .. ..	118	556	173	3,616
Other .. .. .. ..	87	80	122	259
Prepared—				
Flour (Wheaten) .. .. .. ..	1,195	3,836	1,913	9,694
Rice .. .. .. ..	201	263	321	501
Other .. .. .. ..	95	842	206	1,502
Jams and Fruit Jellies .. .. ..	261	478	637	911
Sugar .. .. .. ..	1,226	624	2,170	2,452
Tea .. .. .. ..	46	48	137	109
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs.. .. ..	1,118	605	2,275	1,432
Total, Class II. .. ..	6,433	9,550	11,590	26,053
<b>CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.</b>				
Ale, Beer, Porter, Cider, Perry .. ..	213	44	426	100
Spirits (Beverages) .. .. ..	195	219	361	511
Wine .. .. .. ..	177	309	353	640
Total, Class III. .. ..	585	572	1,140	1,251
<b>CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.</b>				
Cigars, Cigarettes and Snuff .. ..	108	4	279	12
Tobacco .. .. .. ..	150	46	329	99
Total, Class IV. .. ..	258	50	608	111
<b>CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS.</b>				
Cattle .. .. .. ..	..	4	1	14
Horses .. .. .. ..	20	28	23	66
Sheep .. .. .. ..	4	29	6	51
Other Animals .. .. .. ..	4	9	6	14
Total, Class V. .. ..	28	70	36	145

## Value of Principal Articles, &amp;c.—Exports—continued.

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months.	
	1945.	1946.	1945-46.	1946-47.
<b>CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES.</b>			£A. '000.	£A. '000.
Hides and Skins—				
Calf, Cattle and Horse ..	..	96	93	150
Fox ..	..	32	10	43
Kangaroo and Wallaby ..	..	178	490	284
Opossum ..	..	57	45	65
Rabbit ..	..	1,041	1,227	3,595
Sheep ..	..	537	2,802	1,860
Other ..	..	8	9	11
Pearl-shell ..	..	4	69	10
Trochus-shell ..	..	5	39	11
Wool—				
Greasy ..	..	11,799	21,889	23,405
Scoured and Tops ..	..	2,287	7,033	5,421
Other Animal Substances ..	..	18	39	24
Total, Class VI. ..	..	16,062	33,745	34,879
				71,030
<b>CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES.</b>				
Fibres ..	..	184	217	340
Seeds ..	..	19	21	63
Tanning Substances ..	..	9	59	24
Other Vegetable Substances ..	..	9	40	18
Total, Class VII. ..	..	221	337	445
				622
<b>CLASS VIII.—MANUFACTURED FIBRES; TEXTILES; AND APPAREL.</b>				
Manufactured Fibres, including Bags, Cordage and Yarns ..	..	166	470	272
Piece Goods ..	..	324	1,020	507
Other Textiles ..	..	95	633	288
Boots and Shoes ..	..	38	166	56
Other Apparel and Attire ..	..	939	1,340	1,235
Total, Class VIII. ..	..	1,562	3,629	2,358
				6,946
<b>CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.</b>				
Fats and Waxes ..	..	84	91	166
Oils ..	..	867	192	1,270
Tallow, unrefined ..	..	80	76	225
Total, Class IX. ..	..	1,031	359	1,661
				718
<b>CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS AND VARNISHES.</b>		36	99	76
				163
<b>CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, ETC.</b>				
Coal ..	..	4	29	22
Ores and Concentrates—				
Silver and Silver Lead ..	..	64	132	106
Zinc ..	..	330	138	529
Other ..	..	215	261	365
Other Rocks and Minerals ..	..	6	21	16
Total, Class XI. ..	..	619	581	1,038
				1,223

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Exports—*continued.*

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months.	
	1945.	1946.	1945-46.	1946-47.
£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.
<b>CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY.</b>				
Iron and Steel .. .. ..	251	1,296	992	2,074
Lead—Pig and in Matte .. .. ..	1,433	1,148	2,230	3,453
Metal Scrap .. .. ..	..	14	..	45
Platinum, Osmium, Bars, Blocks, Rods, &c.	..	2	..	2
Tin Ingots .. .. ..	8	..	55	10
Vehicles .. .. ..	193	472	636	858
Zinc Bars, Blocks, &c. .. .. ..	577	950	1,154	1,696
Other Metals and Manufactures .. .. ..	296	919	683	1,904
Electrical Appliances and Equipment .. .. ..	96	231	170	416
Machines and Machinery .. .. ..	310	917	568	1,684
Total, Class XII. .. .. ..	3,164	5,949	6,488	12,142
<b>CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER.</b>				
Rubber and Manufactures .. .. ..	106	329	283	650
Leather .. .. ..	182	557	329	1,105
Leather Manufactures, &c. .. .. ..	14	50	27	82
Total, Class XIII. .. .. ..	302	936	639	1,837
<b>CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.</b>				
Timber .. .. ..	196	229	295	479
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture .. .. ..	32	47	73	105
Total, Class XIV. .. .. ..	228	276	368	584
<b>CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, GLASS AND STONEWARE.</b>				
.. .. .. ..	71	186	169	371
<b>CLASS XVI.—PAPER, ETC.</b>				
Paper .. .. .. ..	18	78	36	234
Stationery .. .. .. ..	101	200	195	428
Total, Class XVI. .. .. ..	119	278	231	662
<b>CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY, ETC.</b>				
Precious Stones—Unset—Pearls, Cameos, &c. .. .. ..	3	23	5	34
Other Jewellery, Timepieces, &c. .. .. ..	43	130	98	280
Total, Class XVII. .. .. ..	46	153	103	314
<b>CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS.</b>				
Films for Cinematographs, &c. .. .. ..	62	19	70	37
Photographic Goods, &c. .. .. ..	16	32	22	75
Talking Machines, &c. .. .. ..	12	21	20	42
Other Instruments .. .. ..	119	61	183	157
Total, Class XVIII. .. .. ..	209	133	295	311

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Exports—*continued.*

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months.	
	1945.	1946.	1945-46.	1946-47.
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILIZERS.			£A. '000.	£A. '000.
Fertilizers .. .. .. ..	2	4	10	5
Medicines .. .. .. ..	125	406	263	805
Oils—				
Eucalyptus .. .. .. ..	40	101	75	199
Other .. .. .. ..	3	18	4	48
Perfumery and Preparations .. .. .. ..	158	286	376	552
Other Drugs and Chemicals .. .. .. ..	366	609	709	1,022
Total, Class XIX. .. .. .. ..	694	1,424	1,437	2,631
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Arms, Ammunition and Explosives .. ..	1,786	515	3,048	905
Miscellaneous Articles to Pacific Islands .. ..	7	27	16	51
Personal and Household Effects .. ..	71	225	136	483
Vessels transferred abroad .. .. .. ..	89	47	129	98
Goods Exported per parcel post .. .. .. ..	15	32	24	71
All other Articles .. .. .. ..	423	324	824	786
Total, Class XX. .. .. .. ..	2,391	1,170	4,177	2,394
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; AND BRONZE SPECIE.				
Gold .. .. .. ..	3,330	..	3,330	..
Silver, including Silver in matte .. .. .. ..	340	58	342	104
Bronze Specie .. .. .. ..	83	1	83	1
Total, Class XXI. .. .. .. ..	3,753	59	3,755	105
SUMMARY.				
States of Final Shipment—				
New South Wales .. .. .. ..	18,586	27,855	37,799	64,031
Victoria .. .. .. ..	14,528	20,475	22,541	41,587
Queensland .. .. .. ..	7,394	13,688	13,711	24,157
South Australia .. .. .. ..	3,760	6,850	5,903	13,702
Western Australia .. .. .. ..	3,174	3,787	6,524	8,991
Tasmania .. .. .. ..	724	992	1,719	2,107
Northern Territory .. .. .. ..	25	11	25	13
Total { Australian Produce .. ..	46,188	72,721	85,330	152,690
Other Produce .. ..	2,003	937	2,892	1,898
GRAND TOTAL .. .. .. ..	48,191	73,658	88,222	154,588

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Exports—*continued.*

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months.	
	1945.	1946.	1945-46.	1946-47.

## AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES.

	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.
<b>TOTAL EXPORTS—</b>				
Merchandise .. . .	44,438	73,599	84,467	154,483
 Bullion and Specie—				
Australian Produce .. . .	3,423	40	3,425	70
Other Produce .. . .	330	19	330	35
 Total, Bullion and Specie .. . .	3,753	59	3,755	105
 <b>GRAND TOTAL</b> .. . .	48,191	73,658	88,222	154,588

## ESTIMATED BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.

	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
<b>TOTAL EXPORTS—</b>				
Merchandise .. . .	35,479	58,762	67,438	123,339
 Bullion and Specie—				
Gold .. . .	2,664	..	2,664	..
Silver and Bronze .. . .	338	47	340	84
 Total, Bullion and Specie .. . .	3,002	47	3,004	84
 <b>GRAND TOTAL</b> .. . .	38,481	58,809	70,442	123,423
 <b>VALUE OF AUSTRALIAN GOLD PRODUCTION</b> ..	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.
	1,790	2,406	3,741	5,150

## PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURAL, PASTORAL AND DAIRY PRODUCE OF AUSTRALIAN ORIGIN EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Butter.	Cheese.	Meats.			
			Bacon and Hams.	Beef.(a)	Mutton and Lamb.	Pork.

## QUANTITY.

	Centals.	Centals.	Centals.	Centals.	Centals.	Centals.
1938-39 ..	2,295,428	359,236	17,391	2,719,638	1,864,885	307,164
1942-43 ..	1,243,207	259,643	26,397	226,289	2,036,815	19,970
1943-44 ..	1,042,265	329,748	86,252	474,470	1,715,698	160,172
1944-45 ..	937,391	335,138	84,862	627,614	1,466,901	398,818
1945-46 ..	1,375,699	327,565	116,960	1,107,913	567,456	307,729
1946-47 (Six months) ..	678,476	242,641	26,960	1,106,985	1,116,739	155,109

(a) Includes Veal.

## Principal Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairy Produce of Australian Origin Exported from Australia—continued.

Year.	Butter.	Cheese.	Meats.			
			Bacon and Hams.	Beef.(a)	Mutton and Lamb.	Pork.

## VALUE.—(AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY.)

	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
1938-39 ..	12,892	1,074	120	4,324	4,807	882
1942-43 ..	8,086	1,225	206	561	5,496	86
1943-44 ..	6,871	1,954	628	1,246	4,644	587
1944-45 ..	8,250	1,975	672	1,653	3,940	1,437
1945-46 ..	12,242	1,689	1,037	3,014	1,529	1,205
1946-47 (Six months) ..	4,849	1,190	234	2,645	2,952	681

Year.	Fruits, Dried.		Fruits Preserved in Liquid—Apricots, Peaches, Pears, Pine-apples, and Other.	Wheat.	Flour.	Wool.	
	Vine.	Other.				Greasy.	Scoured. (b)

## QUANTITY.

	Centals.	Centals.	Centals.	Bushels.	Centals.	Centals.	Centals.
1938-39 ..	1,642,128	39,152	812,788	63,129,023	14,501,304	7,933,845	708,812
1942-43 ..	1,298,535	24,172	134,464	22,544,103	6,834,379	5,181,276	516,692
1943-44 ..	1,680,747	36,299	211,678	33,658,458	11,810,882	4,551,147	702,954
1944-45 ..	1,734,008	18,569	217,067	32,391,450	11,194,989	4,967,171	816,654
1945-46 ..	880,960	30,614	367,912	12,794,070	10,377,511	7,124,419	946,545
1946-47 (Six months) ..	491,311	23,877	414,293	7,033,272	7,526,490	5,618,845	964,605

## VALUE.—(AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY.)

	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
1938-39 ..	2,747	118	1,267	8,735	4,540	37,305	5,324
1942-43 ..	2,172	105	290	4,884	3,494	37,694	6,624
1943-44 ..	3,163	131	530	8,264	6,699	36,232	9,535
1944-45 ..	3,476	95	508	9,752	6,732	38,745	10,642
1945-46 ..	1,951	198	893	6,378	11,337	56,391	12,870
1946-47 (Six months) ..	1,151	151	987	3,616	9,694	46,234	14,012

(a) Includes Veal.

(b) Includes Tops, Nails and Waste.

**PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURAL, PASTORAL AND DAIRY PRODUCE OF AUSTRALIAN ORIGIN EXPORTED FROM EACH STATE TO VARIOUS COUNTRIES.**

July-December 1945-46 and 1946-47.

Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia—Six months.	
							1946-47.	1945-46.

**BUTTER.**

	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£A.'000.	'000 lb.
United Kingdom	55	42,833	13,307	3,516	1,875	..	61,586	4,284	47,466
Ceylon	94	579	..	..	..	..	673	49	1,853
Hong Kong	2	158	..	..	..	..	160	11	125
India	94	130	..	..	..	..	224	19	1,455
Malaya (British)	..	511	..	..	..	..	511	35	51
Pacific Isl'ds (Br.)	89	..	39	..	..	..	128	14	601
Palestine	..	575	..	..	..	..	575	47	..
Union of South Africa	5	21	..	..	..	..	26	2	202
Other British Countries	40	808	..	..	2	..	850	87	2,739
Egypt	151	497	..	..	..	..	648	49	602
Japan	785	..	..	..	..	..	785	70	..
Pacific Islands (Foreign)	202	..	..	..	..	..	202	20	113
Other Foreign Countries	126	1,246	108	..	..	..	1,480	162	113
<b>Total Six months—</b>									
<b>Quantity—</b>									
1946-47..	1,643	47,358	13,454	3,516	1,877	..	67,848	..	..
1945-46..	5,652	23,580	23,191	599	2,298	..	..	..	55,320
<b>Value—</b>									
1946-47..	153	3,074	1,163	301	158	..	..	4,849	..
1945-46..	543	2,081	2,066	53	203	..	..	..	4,946

**CHEESE.**

	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£A.'000.	'000 lb.
United Kingdom	37	8,820	1,660	8,112	11	2	18,642	779	2,545
Ceylon	72	227	..	10	..	..	309	22	397
India	136	458	..	58	..	..	652	54	6,807
Malaya (British)	47	1,137	..	6	2	..	1,192	88	3
Palestine	13	1,451	..	..	..	..	1,464	107	..
Other British Countries	73	324	14	..	..	..	411	30	949
Egypt	64	650	..	..	..	..	714	42	1,208
Iraq	18	7	..	..	..	..	25	2	45
Other Foreign Countries	628	140	75	12	..	..	855	66	128
<b>Total Six months—</b>									
<b>Quantity—</b>									
1946-47..	1,088	13,214	1,749	8,198	13	2	24,264	..	..
1945-46..	4,588	5,347	332	1,804	11	..	..	..	12,082
<b>Value—</b>									
1946-47..	85	626	94	384	1	..	..	1,190	..
1945-46..	228	341	17	70	1	..	..	..	657

Principal Agricultural, &c., Produce of Australian Origin Exported from each State to Various Countries—*continued.*

July—December 1945—46 and 1946—47.

Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia—Six months.	
							1946—47.	1945—46.

BACON AND HAMS.

	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£A.'000.	'000 lb.
United Kingdom	175	283	7	297	16	..	778	73	..
Ceylon	..	145	..	188	..	..	333	27	2,052
Hong Kong	66	..	..	..	..	..	66	6	56
India	22	..	..	..	..	..	22	3	441
Malaya (British)	..	13	..	..	225	..	238	19	..
Other British Countries	60	34	12	..	3	..	109	9	2,368
Egypt	431	36	..	..	..	..	467	44	1,257
Italy	238	..	..	..	..	..	238	22	264
Japan	378	..	..	..	..	..	378	25	..
Other Foreign Countries	..	16	2	..	..	49	..	67	6
									209
Total Six months—									
Quantity—									
1946—47..	1,364	535	19	485	293	..	2,696	..	..
1945—46..	4,269	1,580	201	..	597	..	..	..	6,647
	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
Value—									
1946—47..	115	63	2	30	24	..	..	234	..
1945—46..	465	135	14	..	46	..	..	..	660

BEEF (INCLUDING VEAL)—FROZEN AND CHILLED.

	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£A.'000.	'000 lb.
United Kingdom	4,795	10,642	76,122	1,968	6,825	..	100,352	2,329	33,603
Ceylon	395	113	..	608	..	..	1,116	31	3,869
Hong Kong	2,280	317	..	..	..	..	2,597	55	271
India	17	..	..	..	..	..	17	1	24,290
Malaya (British)	989	1,546	1,129	..	..	..	3,664	102	..
Pacific Isl'ds (Br.)	69	12	34	..	..	..	115	5	1,153
Other British Countries	..	28	..	..	2	..	47	2	5,151
Egypt	353	14	..	..	..	..	367	12	404
Iraq	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,192
Japan	2,421	..	..	..	..	..	2,421	108	..
Other Foreign Countries	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	215
Total Six months—									
Quantity—									
1946—47..	11,336	12,674	77,285	2,576	6,827	..	110,698	..	..
1945—46..	7,390	1,347	62,327	..	84	..	..	..	71,148
	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
Value—									
1946—47..	328	299	1,834	58	126	..	..	2,645	..
1945—46..	262	35	1,430	..	3	..	..	..	1,730

Principal Agricultural, &c., Produce of Australian Origin Exported from each State to Various Countries—*continued.*

July—December 1945—46 and 1946—47.

Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia—Six months.	
							1946—47.	1945—46.

MUTTON AND LAMB—FROZEN.

	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£A.'000.	'000 lb.
United Kingdom	21,167	72,911	1,583	8,180	4,919	..	108,760	2,879	22,058
Ceylon	385	509	..	362	..	..	1,256	28	4,884
Hong Kong	547	..	..	..	..	..	547	16	63
India	4	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	1,518
Malaya (British)	152	..	..	..	..	..	152	3	..
Other British Countries	41	..	7	..	2	..	50	2	1,602
Egypt	239	22	..	..	..	..	261	9	167
Japan	644	..	..	..	..	..	644	15	..
Other Foreign Countries	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
Total Six months—									
Quantity—									
1946—47..	23,170	73,442	1,590	8,542	4,921	..	111,674	..	..
1945—46..	8,145	14,323	2,222	2,635	2,981	..	..	..	30,306
Value—	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
1946—47..	579	1,986	30	249	108	..	..	2,952	..
1945—46..	222	367	44	74	79	..	..	..	786

PORK.

	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£A.'000.	'000 lb.
United Kingdom	453	2,700	6,947	1,362	1,868	117	13,447	595	15,374
Ceylon	10	87	..	138	..	..	235	11	501
Hong Kong	..	461	1,057	..	..	..	1,518	59	..
Other British Countries	3	48	107	..	..	..	158	8	190
Egypt	99	11	..	..	..	..	110	6	85
Other Foreign Countries	43	..	..	..	..	..	43	2	29
Total Six months—									
Quantity—									
1946—47..	608	3,307	8,111	1,500	1,868	117	15,511	..	..
1945—46..	165	6,016	3,305	3,165	3,528	..	..	..	16,179
Value—	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
1946—47..	31	131	340	93	77	9	..	681	..
1945—46..	8	232	113	118	117	..	..	..	588

## Principal Agricultural, &amp;c., Produce of Australian Origin Exported from each State to Various Countries—continued.

July—December 1945—46 and 1946—47.

Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia—Six months.	
							1946—47.	1945—46.

## FRUITS, DRIED—CURRENTS.

	'000 lb. 4	'000 lb. 1,835	'000 lb. ..	'000 lb. 479	'000 lb. 2,916	'000 lb. ..	'000 lb. 5,234	£A.'000. 97	'000 lb. 4,897
United Kingdom									
Ceylon	..	24	..	3	1	..	28	1	24
Malaya (British)	..	42	..	..	1	..	43	1	1
New Zealand ..	..	532	..	317	..	..	849	18	1,053
Other British Countries ..	2	105	3	6	..	..	116	2	406
Foreign Countries	15	23	154	..	..	..	192	7	38
Total Six months—									
Quantity—									
1946—47..	21	2,561	157	805	2,918	..	6,462	..	..
1945—46..	229	1,866	..	791	3,533	..	..	..	6,419
Value—	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
1946—47..	1	48	6	18	53	..	..	126	..
1945—46..	8	36	..	14	63	..	..	..	121

## FRUITS, DRIED—RAISINS (INCLUDING SULTANAS AND LEXIAS).

	'000 lb. 3	'000 lb. 29,762	'000 lb. ..	'000 lb. 1,977	'000 lb. ..	'000 lb. ..	'000 lb. 31,742	£A.'000. 747	'000 lb. 4,781
United Kingdom									
Canada ..	..	1,911	..	750	..	..	2,661	65	1,600
Ceylon ..	..	354	..	27	..	..	381	9	457
New Zealand ..	..	5,133	..	1,861	..	..	6,994	174	8,901
Pacific Isl'ds (Br.)	25	34	..	..	..	..	59	1	87
Other British Countries ..	..	373	1	50	3	..	427	13	597
Foreign Countries	62	27	310	6	..	..	405	16	105
Total Six months—									
Quantity—									
1946—47..	90	37,594	311	4,671	3	..	42,669	..	..
1945—46..	650	13,331	2	2,524	21	..	..	..	16,528
Value—	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
1946—47..	3	877	12	133	..	..	..	1,025	..
1945—46..	25	298	..	73	1	..	..	..	397

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July—December 1945—46 and 1946—47.

Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia—Six months.	
	1946—47.	1945—46.						

FRUITS, DRIED—APPLES, APRICOTS, PEACHES, PEARS, PRUNES AND OTHER DRIED FRUITS.

	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£A.'000.	'000 lb.
United Kingdom	6	..	..	29	23	1,120	1,149	70	15
Ceylon	64	6	..	..	1	..	100	4	34
India	26	8	..	..	..	..	34	2	24
Malaya (British)	130	130	3	91	4	..	358	25	75
New Zealand	..	..	..	45	..	..	45	3	42
Palestine	..	84	..	..	..	..	84	9	..
Other British Countries	35	112	5	63	1	..	216	14	1,466
Japan	334	..	46	..	..	..	380	22	..
Other Foreign Countries	..	2	20	..	..	..	22	2	133
 Total Six months—									
Quantity—									
1946—47..	597	360	54	228	29	1,120	2,388	..	..
1945—46..	1,552	187	27	23	..	..	..	..	1,789
 Value—	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
1946—47..	32	29	4	15	1	70	..	151	..
1945—46..	106	8	2	2	..	..	..	..	118

FRUITS PRESERVED IN LIQUID—APRICOTS, PEACHES, PEARS, PINEAPPLES AND OTHER FRUITS.

	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£A.'000.	'000 lb.
United Kingdom	11,294	21,355	286	578	263	235	34,011	783	721
Ceylon	12	107	..	..	..	..	119	3	522
India	64	499	..	..	..	9	572	15	4,160
Malaya (British)	543	485	..	17	114	..	1,159	33	187
New Zealand	288	1,596	..	..	..	..	1,884	46	1,629
Pacific Isl'ds (Br.)	50	24	..	..	..	..	74	2	688
Other British Countries	542	557	..	..	..	..	1,099	33	6,025
Egypt	9	124	..	..	..	..	133	4	87
Other Foreign Countries	2,124	254	..	..	..	..	2,378	68	614
 Total Six months—									
Quantity—									
1946—47..	14,926	25,001	286	595	377	244	41,420	..	..
1945—46..	7,265	7,042	138	..	53	135	..	..	14,633
 Value—	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
1946—47..	445	502	7	16	10	7	..	987	..
1945—46..	190	154	5	..	2	1	..	..	352

## Principal Agricultural, &amp;c., Produce of Australian Origin Exported from each State to Various Countries—continued.

July—December 1945—46 and 1946—47.

Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Aus-tralia.	Western Aus-tralia.	Tas-mania.	Australia—Six months.	
							1946—47.	1945—46.

## WHEAT.

	'000 bushels.	'000 bushels.	'000 bushels.	'000 bushels.	'000 bushels.	'000 bushels.	£A.'000	'000 bushels.
Ceylon ..								86
India ..	2,274	..	..	949	1,704	..	4,927	2,539 ..
New Zealand ..	1,096	..	..	536	..	..	1,632	824 ..
Rhodesia, South-ern	..	..	..	202	..	..	202	106 ..
Union of South Africa	..	..	..	37	..	..	37	22 287
Other British Countries ..	2	..	..	229	..	..	231	123 1
Foreign Countries ..	4	..	..	..	..	..	4	2 ..
 Total Six months—								
Quantity—								
1946—47..	3,376	..	..	1,953	1,704	..	7,033	..
1945—46..	2	..	..	86	286	..	..	374
 Value—								
1946—47..	1,723	..	..	1,041	852	..	3,616	..
1945—46..	..	..	..	40	133	..	..	173

## FLOUR.

	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	£A.'000.	'000 centals.
Borneo (British) ..		34	..	..	..	..	34	41	..
Ceylon ..	562	596	..	..	820	..	1,978	2,453	888
Hong Kong ..	9	134	..	170	..	..	313	400	18
India ..	593	9	..	194	187	..	983	1,204	..
Malaya (British) ..	1,010	639	..	614	25	..	2,288	3,144	9
Mauritius ..		297	..	..	..	..	297	526	188
New Zealand ..	285	5	..	..	..	..	200	322	240
Pacific Isl'ds (Br.) ..	143	1	..	..	..	..	144	161	168
Union of South Africa ..	171	..	..	10	..	..	181	216	..
Other British Countries ..	43	21	..	9	..	..	73	87	364
Madagascar ..	..	..	..	71	..	..	71	94	..
Netherlands East Indies ..	..	..	..	..	18	..	18	24	30
Pacific Islands (Foreign) ..	108	1	..	40	..	..	149	186	105
Foreign Countries ..	519	..	..	188	..	..	707	836	63
 Total Six months—									
Quantity—									
1946—47..	3,443	1,737	..	1,296	1,050	..	7,526	..	..
1945—46..	664	9	5	491	904	..	..	..	2,073
 Value—									
1946—47..	4,163	2,278	..	1,679	1,574	..	9,694	..	..
1945—46..	628	10	3	450	822	..	..	..	1,913

Principal Agricultural, &c., Produce of Australian Origin Exported from each State to Various Countries—*continued.*

July—December 1945—46 and 1946—47.

Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia—Six months.	
							1946—47.	1945—46.

WOOL—GREASY.

	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	£A.'000.	'000 centals.
United Kingdom	409	186	163	57	80	3	898	8,656
Canada	12	6	3	5	..	..	26	275
India	2	4	..	1	..	..	7	76
Other British Countries	5	..	..	..	..	..	5	44
Belgium	494	97	283	82	43	..	999	7,290
France	594	122	265	55	40	..	1,076	8,092
Italy	381	58	160	29	20	..	648	4,804
Mexico	7	1	1	..	..	..	9	119
Sweden	34	4	45	..	..	..	83	757
Turkey	17	7	51	..	..	3	..	826
United States of America	692	301	430	72	126	26	1,647	14,059
Other Foreign Countries	55	25	46	12	5	..	143	1,227
<b>Total Six months—</b>								
Quantity—								
1946—47..	2,702	811	1,447	313	317	29	5,619	..
1945—46..	1,143	348	777	195	457	33	..	2,953
Value—	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
1946—47..	22,207	7,322	11,511	2,387	2,532	275	..	46,234
1945—46..	9,061	2,755	6,160	1,541	3,624	264	..	23,405

WOOL—SCOURED, TOPS, NOILS AND WASTE.

	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	£A.'000.	'000 centals.
United Kingdom	69	52	51	11	28	3	214	2,725	116
Canada	28	25	3	27	6	6	95	1,432	51
India	3	17	..	..	1	..	21	404	31
Palestine	2	3	..	..	..	..	6	93	4
Other British Countries	2	5	..	..	..	..	7	149	1
Belgium	43	20	22	12	7	..	104	1,358	..
China	21	16	7	2	..	..	46	1,045	..
Egypt	4	2	..	..	..	..	6	108	9
France	22	14	11	13	9	..	69	820	..
Mexico	6	10	4	2	1	..	23	393	30
Sweden	7	23	5	1	1	..	37	601	..
United States of America	73	57	56	12	15	15	228	3,192	162
Other Foreign Countries	41	27	23	6	12	..	109	1,692	12
<b>Total Six months—</b>									
Quantity—									
1946—47..	321	271	182	87	80	24	965	..	..
1945—46..	132	122	53	48	45	16	..	..	416
Value—	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.						
1946—47..	4,674	4,128	2,606	1,299	962	343	..	14,012	..
1945—46..	1,599	1,978	589	574	502	179	..	..	5,421

## Section IV.—Finance.

## (A.) COMMONWEALTH FINANCE.

## COMMONWEALTH CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND.

## Receipts.

Sources of Revenue.	1938-39.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.
<b>TAXATION—</b>	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Customs .. ..	31,161	20,806	20,607	21,488	28,594
Excise .. ..	16,472	44,072	46,685	45,689	49,007
Sales Tax .. ..	0,308	28,846	27,909	29,672	33,600
Flour Tax .. ..	1,809	1,709	1,940	1,996	1,779
Land Tax .. ..	1,489	3,873	3,819	3,664	3,782
Income Tax(a) .. ..	11,883	141,027	183,799	215,534	214,504
Pay-roll Tax .. ..	10,451	10,903	11,088	11,499	
Gold Tax .. ..	525	318	343	383	
Estate Duty .. ..	1,915	2,606	2,761	3,090	3,880
Gift Duty .. ..	145	222	329	393	
Entertainments Tax .. ..	2,904	4,704	5,027	5,070	
Wool Levy(b) .. ..	74	82	85	75	270
Total Taxation .. ..	74,111	257,226	303,752	337,995	353,211
<b>BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS—</b>					
Postmaster-General's Department .. ..	17,366	24,391	26,679	27,872	28,455
<b>Railways—</b>					
Trans-Australian .. ..	331	1,226	1,027	989	769
Central Australia .. ..	138	1,584	1,737	1,046	711
North Australia .. ..	50	792	823	820	174
Australian Capital Territory .. ..	7	15	15	11	11
Total Railways .. ..	526	3,617	3,602	2,866	1,665
Total Business Undertakings .. ..	17,892	28,008	30,281	30,738	30,120
<b>TERRITORIES(c) .. ..</b>	356	447	482	455	508
<b>OTHER REVENUE—</b>					
Interest(d) .. ..	1,144	1,081	1,166	1,202	1,143
Coinage .. ..	128	2,589	2,028	1,307	605
Defence .. ..	151	1,490	202	126	250
Civil Aviation .. ..	6	401	770	1,173	1,166
Health .. ..	18	14	24	12	14
Patents, Trade Marks, Copyrights .. ..	68	58	67	77	95
Bankruptcy .. ..	31	23	17	16	15
Commerce .. ..	6	258	115	13	11
Marine .. ..	152	101	96	261	251
Net Profit, Note Issue .. ..	767	2,248	2,629	2,949	2,939
Balance of Trust Accounts .. ..		218	127	102	
Other .. ..	235	297	432	428	452
Total .. ..	2,706	8,778	7,673	7,666	6,941
<b>Grand Total</b> .. ..	95,065	294,459	342,188	376,854	390,780
<b>PER HEAD(e)—</b>	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Taxation .. ..	10 14 0	35 15 3	41 17 0	46 1 9	47 12 11
Business Undertakings .. ..	2 11 7	3 17 11	4 3 5	4 3 10	4 1 3
Other .. ..	0 8 11	1 5 8	1 2 6	1 2 2	1 0 2
Total .. ..	13 14 6	40 18 10	47 2 11	51 7 9	52 14 4

(a) Includes Social Services Contribution, War-time (Company) Tax and Super Tax. (b) For Publicity and Research. (c) Excludes Railways—see Business Undertakings. (d) Excludes balance of interest on States' debts (payable by States). (e) Based on mean population of each financial year.

## Commonwealth Consolidated Revenue Fund—continued—Expenditure.

Departments, &c.	1938-39.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.
War (1914-19) and Repatriation Services—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Interest, Sinking Fund and Exchange ..	9,665	9,384	9,313	9,121	8,959
War Pensions ..	8,227	8,346	9,267	9,250	9,121
Repatriation ..	994	850	902	759	655
Other ..	371	141	122	159	157
Total, War, &c. ..	19,257	18,721	19,604	19,289	18,892
Defence and War (1939-45) Services—					
Interest, Sinking Fund and Exchange ..	..	15,119	24,762	34,198	41,538
War Pensions ..	..	662	1,737	2,771	4,915
Other ..	(a) 8,061	143,697	141,344	157,605	179,198
Total, Defence, War, &c... ..	8,061	159,478	167,843	194,574	225,651
Total Cost of Departments (b)—					
Governor-General ..	33	29	32	49	35
Parliament ..	445	487	599	603	550
Prime Minister ..	1,356	1,359	1,603	1,616	1,920
External Affairs ..	70	216	251	244	563
Treasury ..	2,258	3,564	3,779	3,935	4,150
Attorney-General ..	281	351	387	434	473
Interior ..	1,275	841	807	856	953
Works and Housing ..	..	(c) 49	43	49	109
Civil Aviation ..	328	350	360	439	739
Trade and Customs ..	1,064	872	816	873	983
Health ..	338	386	379	393	429
Commerce and Agriculture ..	994	1,022	1,034	(d) 2,613	(d) 1,545
Social Services ..	325	393	412	443	666
Supply and Shipping ..	215	246	275	273	280
External Territories ..	..	(e) 25	20	36	45
Immigration ..	..	(c) 27	31	32	73
Social Services—					
Invalid and Old-age Pensions ..	15,992	22,293	21,699	21,701	(h)
Child Endowment ..	..	11,660	12,257	12,086	(h)
Widows' Pensions ..	..	2,359	2,801	2,965	(h)
Maternity Allowances ..	437	281	(h) 28	(h)	(h)
National Welfare Fund ..	..	..	27,889	30,000	46,499
Business Undertakings (b)—					
Postmaster-General ..	15,028	19,939	22,481	23,993	24,775
Railways ..	1,351	2,726	3,069	2,795	2,189
Territories (b) (f)—					
Australian Capital Territory ..	637	677	698	737	831
Northern Territory ..	403	329	302	295	366
Papua ..	49	5	5	5	5
New Guinea ..	6	2	2	2	2
Norfolk Island ..	5	5	4	4	4
Total, Territories ..	1,100	1,018	1,011	1,043	1,208
New Works (g) ..	6,565	3,961	4,677	5,705	6,660
Payment to or on behalf of States (i)—					
Interest on States' Debts ..	7,585	7,585	7,585	7,585	7,585
Sinking Fund on States' Debts ..	1,478	1,588	1,578	1,683	1,616
Special Grants ..	2,020	2,175	2,470	2,846	2,996
Grants for Federal Aid Roads and Works ..	4,266	1,603	1,487	2,201	3,327
Income Tax Reimbursement—Grants ..	..	26,432	32,047	32,666	32,755
Income Tax Reimbursement—Special Grant ..	..	..	..	..	553
Entertainments Tax Reimbursement—Grants ..	..	574	766	766	766
Other Grants ..	300	140	127	122	16
Total to or for States ..	15,649	40,097	46,060	47,869	49,614
Assistance to Primary Producers ..	2,015	(j) 1,709	(j) 1,941	(j) 1,996	(j) 1,779
Grand Total ..	94,437	294,459	342,188	376,854	390,780
Per Head of Population (k) ..	£13 12 8	£40 18 10	£47 2 11	£51 7 9	£52 14 4

(a) Expenditure on the Defence Departments (Navy, Army and Air) and Department of Supply and Development (Munitions, &c.). (b) Includes interest and sinking fund payments. (c) Included with Department of Interior. (d) Includes Drought Relief:—1944-45, £1,571,000; and 1945-46, £170,000. (e) Included with Prime Minister's Department. (f) Excludes Railways. See Business Undertakings. (g) Excludes Defence and War (1939-45) Services. (h) Expenditure met from National Welfare Fund (see next page). (i) Excludes balance of interest payable on States' Debt (recoverable from States). (j) In addition, the following amounts were provided under War Services:—1942-43, £3,085,000; 1943-44, £12,322,000; 1944-45, £14,280,000; 1945-46, £19,755,000. (k) Based on mean population for each financial year.

## COMMONWEALTH NATIONAL WELFARE FUND—EXPENDITURE.

Item.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Invalid and Old-age Pensions ..	..	..	26,962
Child Endowment ..	..	..	18,019
Widows' Pensions ..	..	..	3,247
Maternity Allowances ..	..	2,259	2,543
Hospital Benefit ..	..	..	1,111
Unemployment and Sickness Benefits ..	..	..	1,144
Funeral Benefit ..	105	164	185
<b>Total</b> ..	<b>2,364</b>	<b>2,707</b>	<b>53,161</b>

## COMMONWEALTH EXPENDITURE FROM GENERAL LOAN FUND.

Particulars.	1938-39.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	Total to 30th June, 1946.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
War (1914-19) and Repatriation Services ..	..	..	..	..	..	372,990
Defence and War (1939-45) Services ..	..	402,852	377,157	266,040	152,948	1,540,269
Works and Services—						
Defence Buildings, Works, Sites ..	1,912	..	..	..	..	8,694
Civil Aviation, Buildings and Works ..	..	..	..	..	..	213
Ships, Yards and Docks ..	Cr. 305	..	..	..	..	7,863
Lighthouses, Works and Services ..	Cr. 1	Cr. 1	Cr. 1	..	..	634
River Murray Waters Act ..	..	..	..	..	..	2,106
Postmaster-General's Department ..	Cr. 1	..	..	..	..	40,541
Health Buildings, Laboratories and Services ..	..	..	..	..	..	102
Repatriation Buildings, &c. ..	..	..	..	..	..	47
War Service Homes (a) ..	..	..	..	..	..	7,329
Railways ..	..	..	..	..	..	13,767
Territories (b) ..	..	..	..	..	..	8,796
Other ..	..	..	..	..	..	3,062
Assistance to States—						
Housing ..	..	..	..	..	..	6,795
Other ..	..	1,996	206	(c) 223	..	13,943
Wheat Bounty ..	..	..	..	..	..	3,430
Total Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c. ..	3,594	165	206	Cr. 50	6,779	117,322
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b> ..	<b>3,594</b>	<b>403,017</b>	<b>377,363</b>	<b>265,990</b>	<b>159,727</b>	<b>2,030,581</b>

(a) In addition, £13,045,000 was expended from War Loan Fund prior to 1923-24. (b) Includes Administration and other Public Buildings, A.C.T. (c) Adjustment of credits of previous years.

## NEW LOANS RAISED IN AUSTRALIA FOR WAR (1939-45) AND OTHER PURPOSES.(a)

Period of Raising.	Amount Invited.	Number of Subscribers.	Amount Subscribed.		Rates of Interest.	Years of Maturity.
			£'000.	£'000.		
1/12/39 ..	£'000.	C'withd. Bank	£'000.	£'000.	% 3½	1942, 1943, 1944
1/12/39 ..	12,000	2,000	10,000	..	..	
1/3/40 to 15/3/40 ..	18,000	14,339	7,676	10,489	3½, 3¾	1945, 1950-56
29/5/40 to 14/6/40 ..	20,000	32,792	20,582	..	2½, 3½	1945, 1950-56
28/11/40 to 14/12/40 ..	28,000	21,830	20,505	8,000	2½, 3½	1945, 1950-56
30/4/41 to 19/5/41 ..	35,000	57,217	27,871	8,000	2½, 3½	1946, 1950-56
7/10/41 to 15/11/41 ..	30,000	83,378	34,159	..	2½, 3½	1945-46, 1950-57
17/2/42 to 10/3/42 ..	35,000	244,589	48,331	..	2½, 3½	1945-46, 1950-58
2/6/42 to 23/6/42 ..	35,000	196,513	37,373	..	2½, 3½	1946-47, 1950-58
3/11/42 to 15/12/42 ..	77,300	454,865	82,667	..	2½, 3½	1946-47, 1950-58
16/3/43 to 20/4/43 ..	100,000	432,555	101,806	..	2½, 3½	1947-48, 1950-59
5/10/43 to 9/11/43 ..	125,000	567,695	126,408	..	2½, 3½	1947-48, 1950-59
28/3/44 to 9/5/44 ..	150,000	452,700	150,549	..	2½, 3½	1948-49, 1950-60
26/9/44 to 4/11/44 ..	112,479	421,517	113,937	..	2½, 3½	1948-49, 1950-60
13/3/45 to 27/4/45 ..	100,000	422,811	107,302	..	2½, 3½	1949-50, 1950-61
25/9/45 to 15/11/45 ..	85,000	260,470	87,219	..	2½, 3½	1949-50, 1950-61
12/3/46 to 16/4/46 ..	70,000	193,348	78,473	..	2, 3½	1949, 1955-58
15/10/46 to 15/11/46 ..	64,020	193,862	61,251	8,500	2, 3½	1949, 1955-58
<b>Total</b> ..	<b>1,096,799</b>	<b>4,050,481</b>	<b>1,108,109</b>	<b>44,989</b>	<b>..</b>	

(a) Excludes Conversion Loans. (b) In addition, £6,586,016 raised for Defence purposes prior to 3rd September, 1939, was used for War purposes.

## COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC DEBT.

For a summary of Commonwealth Public Debt as at 31st December, 1946, see page 57.

## COMMONWEALTH OLD-AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1946.

State.	Number of Pensioners at 30th June, 1946.			Number per 10,000 of Population.		Average Fortnightly Pension at 30th June, 1946.		Pensions Paid during 1945-46. (a)	
	Old-age.	Invalid.	Total Old-age and Invalid.	Old-age.	Invalid.	Old-age.	Invalid.	Amount.	Per head of Popn. (b)
New South Wales (c)	108,685	28,255	136,940	370	96	8. d.	8. d.	£	s. d.
Victoria ..	69,308	18,599	82,907	341	67	62 9	63 7	11,225,455	76 8
Queensland ..	34,808	9,807	44,615	319	90	62 6	63 0	6,822,585	67 6
South Australia (d)	23,565	4,836	28,401	367	75	62 11	63 6	3,661,205	67 5
Western Australia	18,797	3,538	22,335	380	72	61 7	62 9	2,334,584	73 4
Tasmania ..	9,663	2,833	12,496	385	113	62 1	63 6	1,860,547	75 8
Total ..	264,826	62,868	327,694	356	84	62 6	63 4	26,962,420	72 9

(a) Includes amounts paid to Benevolent Asylums and Hospitals for maintenance of pensioners and to pensioner inmates of these institutions and allowances to wives of invalid pensioners. (b) Based on mean population for the financial year. (c) Includes A.C.T. (d) Includes N.T.

## COMMONWEALTH OLD-AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS SUMMARY.

Year ended 30th June—	Number of Pensioners.			Number of Pensioners in each 10,000 of Population. (a)		Pensions Payments during Year. (b)	Average Fortnightly Pension at 30th June.
	Old-age.	Invalid.	Total.	Old-age.	Invalid.		
1911 ..	75,502	7,451	82,953	168	17	1,847,440	19 1
1912 ..	79,071	10,763	89,834	170	23	2,149,659	19 0
1913 ..	82,943	13,739	96,682	172	29	2,301,675	19 6
1914 ..	87,780	16,865	104,645	177	34	2,592,201	19 5
1915 ..	90,892	20,417	111,309	182	41	2,718,939	19 5
1916 ..	91,783	23,439	115,222	186	47	2,891,597	19 4
1917 ..	93,672	26,781	120,453	190	54	3,554,135	24 3
1918 ..	95,387	29,912	125,299	190	59	3,793,037	24 3
1919 ..	95,969	31,999	127,968	185	62	3,936,626	24 2
1920 ..	99,170	35,231	134,401	185	66	4,484,304	29 1
1921 ..	102,415	37,981	140,396	188	69	5,150,241	28 9
1922 ..	105,096	39,019	144,115	189	70	5,380,034	28 9
1923 ..	107,389	40,064	147,453	189	70	5,424,016	28 9
1924 ..	113,054	42,617	155,671	195	73	6,523,881	33 9
1925 ..	117,516	44,840	162,356	198	75	6,992,905	33 8
1926 ..	126,918	48,803	175,721	210	80	8,252,387	38 7
1927 ..	133,234	52,300	185,633	215	85	9,144,589	38 6
1928 ..	139,367	55,517	194,884	221	88	9,790,346	38 5
1929 ..	145,393	59,148	204,541	227	93	10,124,239	38 5
1930 ..	155,196	63,304	218,500	240	98	10,791,325	38 5
1931 ..	172,177	68,343	240,520	264	104	11,710,953	38 4
1932 ..	183,317	72,292	255,609	279	110	11,125,956	33 3
1933 ..	176,425	72,742	249,167	266	110	10,771,061	31 10
1934 ..	187,453	73,212	260,665	281	109	10,963,090	33 8
1935 ..	197,126	76,852	273,978	293	114	11,762,030	33 7
1936 ..	206,748	80,487	287,235	305	119	12,797,726	34 8
1937 ..	215,690	83,396	299,086	316	122	13,998,793	36 8
1938 ..	224,154	86,096	310,250	325	125	15,798,687	38 6
1939 ..	232,836	88,812	321,648	335	128	15,991,782	38 5
1940 (d) ..	272,896	58,696	331,592	388	84	16,459,245	38 6
1941 ..	276,760	58,921	335,681	390	88	17,366,385	(c) 41 5
1942 ..	275,456	60,597	336,053	386	85	19,257,025	(c) 48 4
1943 ..	267,239	58,081	325,320	371	81	22,292,835	(c) 51 1
1944 ..	257,186	57,942	315,128	352	79	21,699,100	(c) 51 11
1945 ..	252,634	58,281	310,915	342	79	21,701,127	51 5
1946 ..	264,826	62,868	327,694	356	84	26,962,420	(c) 62 8

(a) At 30th June. (b) Includes payments to Benevolent Asylums and Hospitals for maintenance of pensioners, and to pensioner inmates of these institutions, and from 1943-44 includes allowances to wives of invalid pensioners. (c) Increases, including retail price adjustment, since December 1940, are as follows: 2s. December, 1940; 1s. April, 1941; 4s. December 1941; 1s. April, 1942; 2s. July, 1942; 1s. October, 1942; 1s. January, 1943; 1s. April, 1943; 1s. August, 1943; 1s. July, 1945. Rate 2s. 0d. from 5th July, 1945. On 6th April, 1944, adjustment provision made on retail price index-numbers was abolished. (d) At 30th June, all invalid pensioners qualified for old-age pensions by age and residence were transferred to the old-age pensions list.

## COMMONWEALTH CHILD ENDOWMENT AT 30th JUNE, 1946.

State.	Claims in Force.	Endowed Children. (a)	Number per 10,000 of population.		Amount paid during 1945-46.	
			Claims.	Endowed Children.	Amount.	Per head of Population. (b)
New South Wales (c)	..	No. 211,946	No. 375,395	721	£ 7,076,691	s. d. 48 4
Victoria ..	..	135,377	229,982	667	4,464,619	44 2
Queensland ..	..	83,043	156,426	761	3,009,239	55 5
South Australia (d)	..	44,509	75,175	694	1,427,167	44 10
Western Australia ..	..	39,114	69,325	792	1,285,062	52 3
Tasmania ..	..	19,830	39,239	790	1,563	60 8
Total 1945-46	..	533,819	945,542	717	18,019,178	48 7
1944-45	..	518,293	920,427	702	12,036,249	32 9

(a) Excludes endowed children in approved institutions—18,989 in 342 institutions at 30th June, 1946; 18,116 in 335 institutions at 30th June, 1945. (b) Based on mean population for the financial year. (c) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (d) Includes Northern Territory.

NOTE.—From 1st July, 1941, the scheme provided for payment of 5s. per week (increased to 7s. 6d. per week from 26th June, 1945) for each child in excess of one under sixteen years of age maintained in a family, and for each child under sixteen years of age in an approved institution.

## COMMONWEALTH WIDOWS' PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1946.(a)

State.	Pensions Current.(b)		Children for whom Pensions Payable.	Average Four- weekly rate of Pension.	Pensions paid during 1945-46.	
	Number.	Per 10,000 of Popu- lation.			Amount.	Per head of Popu- lation.(c)
New South Wales (d)	..	17,355	59	No. £ 7,096	£ 1,295,240	s. d. 8 10
Victoria ..	..	12,748	63	5 18 8	899,747	8 11
Queensland ..	..	6,363	58	3,565	484,351	8 11
South Australia (e)	..	3,656	57	2,446	251,523	7 11
Western Australia ..	..	2,870	58	1,082	202,625	8 3
Tasmania ..	..	1,595	64	891	113,647	9 1
Total 1945-46	..	44,587	60	15,707	3,247,338	8 9
1944-45	..	44,155	60	15,284	2,965,446	8 1

(a) The Commonwealth Government commenced to pay Widows' Pensions from 1st July, 1942.

(b) Excludes ten (1945-46) and nine (1944-45) pensions in respect of pensioners in Benevolent Asylums.

(c) Based on mean population for the financial year. (d) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(e) Includes Northern Territory.

## COMMONWEALTH MATERNITY ALLOWANCES.

## Number and Amount of Claims Paid.

(The Maternity Allowance Act came into force on 10th October, 1912.)

Year ended 30th June—	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	Australia.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	£
1939 ..	30,860	20,819	12,880	7,162*	5,213	3,940	42	436,614
1941 ..	28,540	19,150	12,481	6,831	4,775	3,877	38	407,533
1942 ..	24,481	16,120	12,113	5,724	4,320	3,620	13	36,391
1943 ..	19,182	11,874	9,651	4,197	4,025	3,018	9	51,956
1944 (b) ..	57,792	33,653	23,743	12,636	10,439	5,804	(c)	149,067
1945 ..	61,755	40,582	26,432	14,361	10,909	5,582	(c)	159,621
1946 ..	60,730	40,991	25,281	13,736	9,912	5,796	(c)	156,446
Total since 10.10.12	1,521,426	1,001,314	582,843	335,414	246,985	163,961	1,124	3,853,067
								24,037,241

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) From 1st July, 1943, the income limit was abolished. From 5th April, 1944, the allowances payable were as follows: (i) no other children under 16 years £5; (ii) one or two other children under 16 years £6; (iii) three or more other children under 16 years £7 10s. An allowance of £1 6s. per week is payable for the four weeks immediately before and after birth of child and is increased to £1 17s. 6d. per week when twins are born and to £2 10s. per week when triplets are born. (c) Included with South Australia.

## UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS.

For particulars of persons on benefit and benefits paid see page 70.

**AUSTRALIAN WAR AND SERVICE PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1946.**  
 (i) War Pensions.

Place of Payment.	NUMBER OF WAR PENSIONERS.				AVERAGE FORTNIGHTLY RATE OF PENSIONS.		
	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased Members of Forces.	Dependants of Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Total.	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased and Incapacitated Members of Forces.	All War Pensioners.
New South Wales(a) ..	53,744	16,540	68,305	138,589	1 17 1	1 2 0	1 7 10
Victoria ..	36,020	13,157	43,849	93,026	2 0 7	1 5 6	1 11 4
Queensland ..	15,681	4,782	19,949	40,412	1 19 10	1 2 3	1 9 1
South Australia(b) ..	11,122	3,789	14,387	29,298	2 0 11	1 3 3	1 9 11
Western Australia ..	14,016	4,307	19,598	37,921	1 17 0	1 0 8	1 6 9
Tasmania ..	5,352	1,575	7,576	14,503	2 15 4	1 2 6	1 14 7
United Kingdom ..	1,483	1,571	1,799	4,853	2 13 1	2 1 2	2 4 10
Elsewhere ..	319	139	330	788	2 5 5	1 14 9	1 19 1
Total 1945-46 ..	137,737	45,860	175,793	359,390	1 19 6	1 3 3	1 9 5
1944-45 ..	106,746	37,825	136,508	281,079	2 3 8	1 4 11	1 12 1

(ii) Service Pensions.

Particulars.	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust. (b)	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Pensions Current—							
Old-age (Members of Forces) ..	1,913	1,275	776	434	486	87	4,971
Permanently Unemployable—							
Members of Forces ..	1,045	943	759	476	463	210	3,896
Dependants ..	981	997	619	439	407	190	3,633
Sufferers from Pulmonary Tuberculosis—							
Members of Forces ..	111	78	13	17	19	6	244
Dependants ..	153	109	17	23	28	15	345
Total 1945-46 ..	4,203	3,402	2,184	1,389	1,403	508	13,089
1944-45 ..	4,019	3,293	2,119	1,255	1,343	537	12,566
Average Fortnightly Pensions—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Members of Forces ..	2 15 10	2 16 0	2 17 6	2 17 9	2 12 10	2 14 11	2 16 0
Dependants ..	1 16 1	1 16 8	1 16 7	1 18 2	1 16 10	1 14 8	1 16 7
All Pensioners 1945-46 ..	2 10 6	2 9 9	2 11 5	2 11 3	2 7 10	2 6 9	2 10 1
1944-45 ..	2 1 6	2 0 8	2 2 5	2 1 8	1 18 9	1 18 9	2 1 1

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

**AUSTRALIAN WAR AND SERVICE PENSIONS EXPENDITURE.**

Place of Payment.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.
(i) War Pensions.						
New South Wales(a) ..	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria ..	2,560,477	2,576,241	2,897,870	3,661,182	4,068,399	4,874,706
Queensland ..	2,252,227	2,255,233	2,497,300	3,022,522	3,245,026	3,640,063
South Australia(b) ..	835,757	846,584	943,691	1,177,089	1,291,869	1,466,574
Western Australia ..	485,919	494,166	575,168	763,350	851,527	1,049,768
Tasmania ..	671,457	668,617	752,885	941,924	1,052,734	1,264,951
Elsewhere ..	396,814	393,406	434,228	523,675	551,350	624,354
Total ..	267,880	267,664	265,854	258,867	336,480	337,801
Includes (War) 1939-45 ..	7,488,531	7,501,911	8,366,996	10,348,609	11,397,385	13,258,217
	18,772	207,324	659,384	1,730,471	2,763,796	4,903,409

(ii) Service Pensions.

Place of Payment.	£	£	£	£	£	£
New South Wales(a) ..	162,935	185,315	218,173	216,001	199,535	253,274
Victoria ..	126,975	140,916	163,116	163,377	169,716	206,276
Queensland ..	88,088	106,120	119,082	113,143	113,847	141,965
South Australia(b) ..	57,758	60,105	61,953	63,525	66,651	85,803
Western Australia ..	55,783	64,652	73,503	72,096	72,158	86,339
Tasmania ..	19,564	22,548	24,332	24,392	27,089	31,223
Total ..	511,103	579,656	660,109	652,534	648,996	804,880
Includes (War) 1939-45 ..	..	..	2,314	6,403	7,528	11,372

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

## COMMONWEALTH INCOME TAX, 1944-45.

Grade of Taxable Income.	Number of Taxpayers.	Taxable Income.	Net Tax Assessed.		
			Total.	Amount per Taxpayer.	Percentage on Total Assessed.
Individuals—	No.	£'000.	£	s. d.	%
Under £201 .. ..	493,155	75,221	1,241,938	2 10 4	1.3
£201 to £500 .. ..	1,249,567	421,767	14,727,845	11 15 9	15.4
£501 to £1,000 .. ..	243,225	156,759	8,970,648	36 17 8	9.3
£1,001 and over .. ..	66,906	132,301	15,886,210	237 8 10	16.6
Total Individuals .. ..	2,052,853	786,048	(a) 40,826,641	19 17 9	42.6
Companies .. ..	15,991	154,128	(b) 54,940,670	3,435 14 6	57.4
GRAND TOTAL .. ..		940,176	95,767,311	..	100.0

(a) Assessed on income for year 1943-44. Due to the introduction of the "pay-as-you-earn" system, net tax assessed to individuals was reduced by approximately 75 per cent. (b) Includes Super Tax, £3,803,580, War-time (Company) Tax, £4,389,683, and Undistributed Profits Taxes, £4,277,386.

## COMMONWEALTH LAND TAX ASSESSMENTS.

Heading.	Assessment Year—				
	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.
NUMBER OF TAXPAYERS—					
Resident Owners .. ..	No. 21,028	No. 20,956	No. 21,395	No. 21,959	No. 21,921
Absentee Owners .. ..	2,584	2,559	2,365	2,562	2,450
TOTAL .. ..	23,612	23,515	23,760	24,521	24,371
UNIMPROVED VALUE OF LAND AS RETURNED BY OWNERS—					
Resident .. ..	£'000. 225,775	£'000. 228,207	£'000. 234,273	£'000. 244,513	£'000. 244,223
Absentee .. ..	2,000	2,048	1,893	1,685	1,444
TOTAL .. ..	227,775	230,255	230,166	246,198	245,667
UNIMPROVED VALUE AS ASCERTAINED BY DEPARTMENT—					
Resident .. ..	257,347	257,277	272,109	277,242	275,289
Absentee .. ..	2,168	2,197	2,080	1,992	1,580
TOTAL .. ..	259,515	259,474	274,189	279,234	276,869
TAX ASSESSED ON—					
Urban Land—Resident Owners ..	£ 924,749	£ 1,045,591	£ 1,195,246	£ 2,453,928	£ 2,897,198
Absentee Owners .. ..	10,082	10,673	11,324	20,509	20,333
TOTAL .. ..	934,831	1,056,264	1,206,570	2,474,437	2,917,531
Rural Land—Resident Owners ..	330,487	372,713	388,763	784,293	889,928
Absentee Owners .. ..	3,267	3,342	4,248	6,113	5,204
TOTAL .. ..	342,754	376,055	393,011	790,406	895,132
All Land—Resident Owners ..	1,264,236	1,418,304	1,584,009	3,238,221	3,787,126
Absentee Owners .. ..	13,349	14,015	15,572	26,622	25,537
TOTAL .. ..	1,277,585	1,432,319	1,599,581	3,264,843	3,812,663
AREA OF RURAL LAND ASSESSED (a) '000ac.	57,636	56,696	56,131	63,556	62,702
ASSESSED TAX ON RURAL LAND per ac.	1.427d.	1.592d.	1.680d.	2.985d.	3.426d.

(a) Excludes Crown Leaseholds.

NOTE.—Figures for later years have not been compiled.

## COMMONWEALTH ESTATE DUTY, 1945-46.

Grade of Dutiable Value.	Number of Estates (a).	Gross Value as Assessed.	Dutiable Value.	Net Duty Payable.
£ £	No.	£'000.	£'000.	£
1- 1,000 .. ..	3,097	6,953	1,240	37,299
1,001- 2,000 .. ..	1,617	5,608	2,354	70,374
2,001- 3,000 .. ..	964	4,402	2,363	71,036
3,001- 4,000 .. ..	691	3,918	2,389	71,363
4,001- 5,000 .. ..	494	3,332	2,212	66,150
5,001-10,000 .. ..	1,194	11,293	8,338	250,067
10,001-20,000 .. ..	788	13,384	11,120	488,834
20,001-50,000 .. ..	376	13,749	11,089	919,203
50,001 and over .. ..	96	11,515	8,982	1,837,518
Total .. ..	9,317	74,154	50,096	3,811,844

(a) Number of estates assessed during year 1945-46.

**COMMONWEALTH SALES TAX.—Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods and Sales Tax payable—Australia.(a)**

Period.	Net Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods.(b)	Taxable Sales.(b)				Sales Tax Payable. (b)
		7½ per cent.(c)	12½ per cent.(d)	25 per cent.(d)	Total.	
1944-45.						
July .. .. ..	£'000. 51,212	£'000. 5,051	£'000. 11,359	£'000. 2,729	£'000. 19,139	£'000. 2,481
August .. .. ..	56,640	6,167	12,255	2,936	21,358	2,726
September .. .. ..	54,499	5,644	11,091	2,818	19,553	2,514
Total September Quarter ..	162,851	16,862	34,705	8,483	60,050	7,721
October .. .. ..	54,055	5,445	10,773	3,066	19,284	2,521
November .. .. ..	54,451	5,272	11,354	3,134	19,760	2,597
December .. .. ..	51,470	5,042	10,224	3,064	18,330	2,422
Total December Quarter ..	160,876	15,759	32,351	9,264	57,374	7,540
January .. .. ..	46,794	4,046	10,217	2,418	16,681	2,185
February .. .. ..	49,074	5,529	10,544	2,806	18,879	2,434
March .. .. ..	52,748	6,292	11,816	2,829	20,937	2,656
Total March Quarter ..	148,616	15,867	32,577	8,053	56,497	7,275
April .. .. ..	47,909	5,464	10,321	2,570	18,355	2,342
May .. .. ..	54,639	5,642	11,458	2,854	19,954	2,569
June .. .. ..	52,752	5,155	11,293	2,607	19,055	2,450
Total June Quarter ..	155,300	16,261	33,072	8,031	57,364	7,361
Total Year .. .. ..	627,143	64,749	132,705	33,831	231,285	29,897

**1945-46.**

	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
July .. .. ..	54,172	5,590	11,844	2,989	20,423	2,647
August .. .. ..	55,135	6,032	11,388	3,044	20,464	2,637
September .. .. ..	53,279	6,061	11,183	2,946	20,140	2,583
Total September Quarter ..	162,586	17,683	34,365	8,979	61,027	7,867
October .. .. ..	55,429	6,023	11,753	3,173	20,949	2,714
November .. .. ..	56,772	6,291	12,121	3,849	22,261	2,949
December .. .. ..	49,025	5,153	11,098	3,154	19,405	2,562
Total December Quarter ..	161,226	17,467	34,972	10,176	62,615	8,225
January .. .. ..	48,641	4,748	11,096	2,589	18,433	2,390
February .. .. ..	53,573	6,813	13,643	3,194	23,650	3,015
March .. .. ..	62,230	7,945	15,070	3,556	26,571	3,368
Total March Quarter ..	164,444	19,506	39,809	9,339	68,654	8,773
April .. .. ..	57,684	7,154	14,470	3,050	24,674	3,108
May .. .. ..	65,616	7,879	16,856	3,074	27,809	3,466
June .. .. ..	56,878	6,227	14,564	2,394	23,185	2,886
Total June Quarter ..	180,178	21,560	45,890	8,518	75,668	9,460
Total Year .. .. ..	668,434	75,916	155,036	37,012	267,964	34,325

**1946-47.**

July .. .. ..	64,545	8,094	16,808	3,407	28,309	3,559
August .. .. ..	69,671	8,997	18,109	3,346	30,452	3,775
September(e) .. .. ..	68,900	8,200	17,500	3,500	29,200	3,678
Total September Quarter(e) ..	203,116	25,291	52,417	10,253	87,961	11,012

(a) From information obtained from returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade and exclude sales of vendors trading only in exempt goods. They also do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. (b) Includes Taxable Imports and Tax collected at Customs House.

(c) From 21st July, 1943, rationed clothing, &c., was reduced from 12½ per cent. to 7½ per cent. From 15th November, 1946, it was exempted. (d) The rates 12½ per cent. and 25 per cent. came into operation on 1st May, 1942. From 15th November, 1946, the rate of 12½ per cent. was reduced to 10 per cent. (e) Partly estimated—subject to revision.

## (B.) STATE FINANCE.

NOTE.—In respect of New South Wales the Consolidated Revenue Fund and Business Undertakings—Railways, Tramways and Omnibuses, Sydney Harbour Trust Section of Maritime Services Board and Road Transport and Traffic Fund—included in the Annual Budget Papers are represented in the following tables. Adjustments have been made to the Budget figures, however, in order to obviate duplications within the combined accounts for 1945-46 and also when compared with those of earlier years. A deduction of £800,000 has thus been made from the Budget Revenue total of £72,658,000, and from the Expenditure total of £72,238,000. Particulars for other States are restricted to the transactions of the Consolidated Revenue Fund. Special Grants under section 6 of the *State Grants (Income Tax Reimbursement) Act 1942* paid to South Australia in respect of 1944-45 and to South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania in respect of 1945-46 have been included under Commonwealth Payments.

## STATE REVENUES, 1945-46.

Sources of Revenue.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.(a)	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Taxation (b)	7,146	4,669	2,667	2,071	(c) 1,051	1,133	18,737
Railways ..	31,313	14,822	11,659	(d) 4,920	4,143	..	66,857
Tramways (e) ..	5,935	(f) 127	..	..	522	..	6,584
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	2,041	2,425	..	2,014	2,063	5	8,548
Land ..	1,649	882	1,520	231	354	95	4,731
Interest n.e.i. ..	501	1,510	911	811	382	472	4,587
Commonwealth Payments (g) ..	17,963	8,931	6,863	5,490	4,930	1,949	46,126
All other Sources ..	5,310	1,825	1,155	806	963	279	10,338
Total Revenue ..	71,858	35,191	24,775	16,343	14,408	3,933	166,508
Total Revenue per head (h) ..	£ 24 13 6	£ 17 8 4	£ 22 16 3	£ 25 16 8	£ 29 5 9	£ 15 15 4	£ 22 10 5
Year ended 30th June—	STATE REVENUES 1938-39 AND 1941-42 TO 1945-46.						
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1939 ..	51,710	26,985	19,330	12,304	10,950	3,615	124,894
1943 ..	71,534	36,490	29,284	15,192	13,152	(a) 3,290	168,942
1944 ..	72,471	35,544	28,968	15,545	13,589	(a) 3,499	169,616
1945 ..	74,213	35,273	26,447	16,113	13,954	(a) 3,657	169,657
1946 ..	71,858	35,191	24,775	16,343	14,408	(a) 3,933	166,508

## STATE EXPENDITURES, 1945-46.

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.(a)	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Interest and Charges on Public Debt ..	15,499	8,403	5,950	5,194	4,527	1,376	40,949
Railways ..	24,687	12,073	10,018	4,804	3,853	6	55,441
Tramways (e) ..	5,982	..	..	..	428	..	6,410
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	1,260	1,802	1	1,021	1,327	(i) 255	5,666
Education ..	7,177	4,362	2,467	1,455	1,137	737	17,335
Hospitals ..	3,810	2,042	873	789	444	331	8,289
Other Charities ..	1,463	584	636	218	251	140	3,202
All other Expenditure ..	11,610	5,919	4,815	2,862	2,441	1,189	28,836
Total Expenditure ..	71,488	35,185	24,760	16,343	14,408	4,034	166,218
Total Expenditure per head (h) ..	£ 24 10 11	£ 17 8 3	£ 22 16 0	£ 25 16 8	£ 29 5 9	£ 16 3 5	£ 22 9 8
Year ended 30th June—	STATE EXPENDITURES 1938-39 AND 1941-42 TO 1945-46.						
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1939 ..	54,169	27,773	19,316	12,701	11,170	3,641	128,770
1943 ..	70,392	35,736	29,182	14,960	13,127	(a) 3,290	166,797
1944 ..	71,288	34,924	28,854	15,529	13,551	(a) 3,469	167,615
1945 ..	73,245	34,924	25,878	16,113	13,949	(a) 3,676	167,785
1946 ..	71,488	35,185	24,760	16,343	14,408	(a) 4,034	166,218

(a) Excludes particulars of transport services, now under control of Transport Commission. (b) For total receipts from Motor taxation collections are also now paid to the Commission's Fund. (c) Gross collections. (d) Includes £120,000 of Commonwealth Grant taken direct to Railway Revenue. (e) Includes Omnibuses. (f) Contribution to Revenue by Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways. (g) Includes Commonwealth Income and Entertainments tax reimbursements. (h) Based on mean population for the financial year. (i) Losses of Transport Commission.

## STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE DURING THE YEAR 1945-46.

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Works—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Railways ..	2,275	382	251	308	70	91	3,377
Tramways (b) ..	1			Cr. 59	1	..	Cr. 57
Roads and Bridges ..	284	Cr. 26	309	Cr. 16	..		
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, &c. ..	204	4	32	32	38	163	1,024
Water Supply and Sewerage ..	68	429	30	649	143		1,319
Electricity Supply ..	210				104	349	663
Public Buildings ..	458	360	381	174	225	87	1,685
Unemployment Relief ..	Cr. 199	Cr. 41					Cr. 241
Housing ..	Cr. 640	Cr. 977	495	Cr. 63	Cr. 122	200	Cr. 1,107
Other(c) ..	54	..	Cr. 138	Cr. 12	31	44	Cr. 21
Primary Production—							
Land Settlement (d) ..	224	Cr. 571	Cr. 49	9	Cr. 79	Cr. 138	Cr. 604
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage ..	306			61	94	..	461
Other ..	18	480	Cr. 19	105	205	..	789
Other purposes ..	..	Cr. 1	..	Cr. 135	102	..	Cr. 34
Total Works, &c. ..	3,263	39	1,292	1,053	812	795	7,254
Per Head (e) ..	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1 2 5	0 0 5	1 3 10	1 13 3	1 13 0	3 3 9	0 19 8	
Non-Works—							
Revenue, &c., Deficits ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other (f) ..	639	..	1,837	1,294	1,211	..	4,981
Grand Total ..	3,902	39	3,129	2,347	2,023	795	12,235

## TOTAL STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE TO 30th JUNE, 1946.

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)(g)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Works—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Railways, Tramways (b) ..	170,193	80,149	67,536	40,435	27,229	8,008	393,550
Roads and Bridges ..	21,097	12,667	5,854	3,809	3,183	..	
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, &c. ..	22,684	1,417	3,598	8,610	7,582	7,490	97,991
Water Supply and Sewerage ..	41,107	32,766	1,010	23,772	15,106	..	113,761
Electricity Supply ..	2,890	17,839	..	..	2,034	8,419	31,182
Public Buildings ..	18,917	9,528	8,281	4,268	3,213	3,194	47,401
Unemployment Relief ..	16,436	13,147	..	..	(h)	331	29,914
Housing ..	1,788	1,965	4,149	5,732	791	780	15,205
Other (e) ..	9,775	2,505	22,545	2,402	2,307	3,302	42,836
Primary Production—							
Land Settlement (d) ..	12,500	45,071	5,465	11,258	17,449	2,484	94,227
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage ..	19,846	..	1,954	9,267	3,996	..	35,063
Other ..	7,854	6,835	7,947	2,333	14,687	19	39,675
Other purposes ..	..	89	302	124	3,572	3,765	..
Total Works ..	345,176	224,191	128,463	115,458	101,342	34,027	948,657
Non-Works—							
Revenue, &c., Deficits ..	38,990	9,119	5,826	8,669	12,115	1,581	76,300
Other (f) ..	20,334	7,207	13,174	2,571	5,377	1,597	50,260
Grand Total ..	404,500	240,517	147,463	126,698	118,834	37,205	1,075,217

(a) Expenditure from Loan Fund and on account of Loans; includes expenditure from Loan Funds from Treasurer's Advance Account and from State Loans Repayment Fund. (b) Includes Omnibuses. (c) Includes Loans to Local Bodies, &c. (d) Includes Advances to Settlers, and Soldier Land Settlement. (e) Based on mean population for the financial year. (f) Discount and flotation expenses, exchange on remittances, &c. (g) Aggregate Gross Loan Expenditure. (h) Not available separately—distributed over individual items.

## STATE PUBLIC DEBT AND INTEREST PAYABLE AT 30th JUNE, 1946.

State.	Public Debt.				Interest Payable.			
	Australia.	London.	New York.	Total.	In Australia.	In London.	In New York.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
New South Wales ..	197,198	144,675	11,367	353,240	6,133	5,188	549	11,870
Victoria ..	119,070	56,159	4,498	179,727	4,022	1,874	221	6,117
Queensland ..	76,442	51,582	5,271	133,295	2,562	1,795	279	4,636
South Australia ..	71,184	37,831	1,734	110,749	2,381	1,273	87	3,741
Western Australia ..	55,878	39,032	2,016	96,926	1,813	1,308	100	3,221
Tasmania ..	22,873	8,314	227	31,414	735	295	12	1,042
Total ..	542,645	337,593	25,113	905,351	17,646	11,733	1,248	30,627

(a) Payable in terms of dollars. For the purposes of this table dollars have been arbitrarily converted on the basis of \$4.8665 to £ Stg. 1. (b) The total "face" or "book" value of the State Public Debt leaving out of account currency changes since the loans were floated. (c) Nominal amount of interest payable—takes no account of exchange.

## (C.) COMMONWEALTH AND STATE FINANCE.

(TABLES ON THIS PAGE ARE PREPARED FROM INFORMATION PUBLISHED IN THE MONTHLY STATEMENTS ISSUED BY EACH TREASURY.)

## REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

Government of—	Six Months ended December—					
	1945-46.			1946-47.		
	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (-).	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (-).
New South Wales(a) ..	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Victoria ..	30,801	33,771	— 2,970	35,070	35,374	— 304
Queensland ..	13,701	16,401	— 2,700	16,493	17,826	— 1,333
South Australia ..	11,237	12,435	— 1,198	11,841	12,566	— 725
Western Australia ..	6,670	7,897	— 1,227	7,776	8,192	— 416
Tasmania ..	6,113	6,990	— 877	6,552	7,163	— 611
Six States ..	1,615	1,810	— 195	2,138	2,447	— 309
Commonwealth ..	70,137	79,304	— 9,167	79,870	83,568	— 3,698
Grand Total(b) ..	223,131	232,298	— 9,167	242,908	246,606	— 3,698

(a) Excludes Main Roads Department, Road Transport and Traffic Fund and recoups of interest, &c., from undertakings outside the Budget. (b) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals exclude payments by the Commonwealth to the States of compensation in respect of uniform taxation, interest on States' debts and special grants; also deductions have been made of pay-roll tax payments by State Governments to the Commonwealth Governments.

## REVENUE FROM COMMONWEALTH PAYMENTS AND TAXATION AND EXPENDITURE ON ADMINISTRATION, ETC.

Government of—	Revenue from Commonwealth Payments.(a)		Revenue from Taxation.(b)		Expenditure—			
	Six Months ended December—				Administration, Works and Social Services.		Debt Services.	
	1945-46.	1946-47.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1945-46.	1946-47.
New South Wales ..	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Victoria ..	4,632	8,407	3,245	3,576	10,691	12,032	7,941	7,616
Queensland ..	2,719	4,550	1,963	2,696	6,036	7,382	4,278	4,093
South Australia ..	1,995	3,176	1,286	1,355	4,041	4,268	3,061	3,343
Western Australia ..	1,448	2,525	892	922	2,288	2,710	2,629	2,517
Tasmania ..	1,598	2,192	443	478	2,006	2,378	2,316	2,246
Six States ..	656	1,029	550	694	984	1,589	713	701
Commonwealth ..	13,048	21,879	8,379	9,721	26,046	30,359	20,938	20,516
Grand Total ..	13,048	21,879	157,681	175,009	131,036	145,051	55,698	51,508

(a) Includes amounts received in accordance with the Financial Agreement, 1927, with Special State Grants and with the Income and Entertainments Tax Reimbursement Acts, 1942. (b) Includes arrears of State income tax as State collections. (c) Excludes Territories, payments to States under Financial Agreement and other Acts and assistance to Primary Producers. Includes Defence and War Services (excluding Interest, &c., charges), 1945-46, £71,838,000; 1946-47, £64,412,000.

## BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.(a)

Government of—	Revenue.		Expenditure.	
	Six Months ended December—			
	1945-46.	1946-47.	1945-46.	1946-47.
	Railway.	Other.	Railway.	Other.
New South Wales ..	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Victoria(b) ..	15,670	3,661	15,640	3,768
Queensland(c) ..	7,924	132	7,030	81
South Australia ..	6,231	..	5,521	..
Western Australia ..	2,464	1,094	2,253	1,174
Tasmania ..	1,989	1,261	1,906	991
Six States ..	..	..	..	(d) 113
Commonwealth ..	33,378	6,148	32,350	6,014
Grand Total ..	34,104	20,114	33,020	20,748
	Railway.	Other.	Railway.	Other.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
New South Wales ..	12,103	3,036	2,417	3,309
Victoria ..	5,917	170	6,213	138
Queensland ..	5,333	..	4,955	..
South Australia ..	2,476	504	2,465	500
Western Australia ..	1,918	750	1,995	544
Tasmania ..	(d) 113	..	(d) 157	..
Six States ..	27,860	4,460	28,202	4,491
Commonwealth ..	670 (e) 13,966	(e) 14,734	852	646
Grand Total ..	34,104	20,114	33,020	20,748
	Railway.	Other.	Railway.	Other.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
New South Wales ..	14,316	28,848	15,167	..
Victoria ..	28,712	..	..	..
Queensland ..	..	..	..	..
South Australia ..	..	..	..	..
Western Australia ..	..	..	..	..
Tasmania ..	..	..	..	..
Six States ..	..	..	..	..
Commonwealth ..	..	..	..	..
Grand Total ..	..	..	..	..

(a) Excludes interest, &c., charges. (b) Railways and State Coal-mine only. (c) Railways only. (d) Expenditure on account of losses by Transport Commission. (e) Postmaster-General's Department.

## TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE, 1945-46.(a)

State, &c.	Customs and Excise.	Income Taxes. (b)	Land Tax.	Probate and Succession Duties.	Other Stamp Duties (n.e.i.).	Motor Taxes.	Entertainments (including Racing). (b)	All other Taxes.	Total Taxes.
New South Wales ..	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Victoria ..	472	2	3,317	1,654	2,618	882	819	9,764	9,764
Queensland ..	86	321	1,825	1,071	1,847	878	499	6,527	6,527
South Australia ..	65	376	891	738	961	172	459	3,662	3,662
Western Australia ..	53	289	557	288	651	297	73	2,208	2,208
Tasmania ..	50	111	262	293	393	207	136	1,452	1,452
Total States Commonwealth ..	77,961	214,594	3,782	3,880	..	..	2,520	2,621	24,994
Grand Total ..	77,961	215,335	4,972	10,945	4,139	6,718	7,590	50,545	378,205

## PER HEAD OF POPULATION.(c)

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
New South Wales ..	0 3 3	0 3 3	1 2 10	0 11 4	0 18 0	0 6 1	0 5 6	3 7 0	3 7 0
Victoria ..	0 0 10	0 3 2	0 18 1	0 10 8	0 18 4	0 8 8	0 4 11	3 4 8	3 4 8
Queensland ..	0 1 2	0 6 11	0 16 5	0 13 7	0 17 8	0 3 2	0 8 6	3 7 5	3 7 5
South Australia ..	0 1 8	0 9 2	0 17 7	0 9 1	1 0 7	0 9 5	0 2 4	3 9 10	3 9 10
Western Australia ..	0 2 0	0 4 6	0 10 8	0 11 10	0 16 0	0 8 5	0 5 7	2 9 0	2 9 0
Tasmania ..	0 1 3	0 7 3	0 17 0	0 7 9	0 19 10	0 6 8	2 11 0	5 10 9	5 10 9
Total States Commonwealth ..	10 10 4	0 2 0	0 3 3	0 19 1	0 11 2	0 18 2	0 6 10	0 7 1	3 7 7
Grand Total ..	10 10 4	29 1 0	0 13 5	1 9 6	0 11 2	0 18 2	1 0 6	6 16 4	51 0 5

(a) The following particulars include those amounts collected by State Governments and paid into Special Funds. The collections have been grouped according to the nature of the tax rather than the method of collection. See page 45 for details of Commonwealth Taxation. (b) Excludes payments by Commonwealth to States under Income and Entertainments Tax Reimbursement Acts, 1942. (c) Based on mean population for the financial year.

## TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE.

Year.	Taxation by Commonwealth Government.					Taxation by State Governments.	Total Taxation.
	Customs and Excise.	Income Tax.	Sales Tax.	Other.	Total.		
1938-39 ..	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1942-43 ..	47,633	11,883	9,308	5,287	74,111	50,507	124,618
1943-44 ..	64,878	141,027	28,846	22,474	257,225	(a) 26,329	283,554
1944-45 ..	67,292	183,799	27,909	24,752	303,752	(a) 21,314	325,066
1945-46 ..	67,177	215,534	29,672	25,612	337,995	(a) 22,111	360,106
	77,961	214,594	33,600	27,056	353,211	(a) 24,994	378,205

## PER HEAD OF POPULATION.(b)

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1938-39 ..	6 17 6	1 14 4	1 6 10	0 15 4	10 14 0	7 6 2	17 19 9
1942-43 ..	9 0 5	19 12 2	4 0 3	3 2 5	35 15 3	(a) 3 13 5	39 8 6
1943-44 ..	9 5 5	25 6 6	3 16 11	3 8 2	41 17 0	(a) 2 18 11	44 15 9
1944-45 ..	9 3 2	29 7 9	4 0 11	3 9 11	46 1 9	(a) 3 0 6	49 2 0
1945-46 ..	10 10 4	28 18 11	4 10 8	3 13 0	47 12 11	(a) 3 7 7	51 0 5

(a) Excludes payments by Commonwealth to States under Income and Entertainments Tax Reimbursement Act 1942. (b) Based on mean population of the Commonwealth and of the six States for each financial year.

## TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH REIMBURSEMENTS TO STATES AND STATE COLLECTIONS, 1945-46.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Commonwealth Reimbursements—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Income Tax (a) ..	14,884	6,431	5,756	2,308	2,496	880	32,755
Entertainments Tax ..	161	373	..	97	98	37	766
Total State Collections ..	15,045	6,804	5,756	2,405	2,594	917	33,521
	9,764	6,527	3,662	2,208	1,452	1,381	24,994
Grant Total ..	24,809	13,331	9,418	4,613	4,046	2,298	58,515
Per head of population	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	8 10 4	6 12 0	8 13 5	7 5 10	8 4 6	9 4 3	7 18 3

(a) Excludes additional financial assistance paid by Commonwealth under the State Grants (Income Tax Reimbursement) Act 1942.

**COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT, AND INTEREST PAYABLE  
AT 31st DECEMBER, 1946.**

Debt on Account of—	Australia.	London.	New York.	Total.
Commonwealth— War (1914–19) ..	£'000 (Aust.) 158,754	£'000 (Stg.) 90,369	£'000 (a) ..	£'000 (b) 249,123
War (1939–45)— Stock and Bonds ..	1,067,221	5,775	..	1,072,996
Advance Loan Subscriptions ..	2,828	..	..	2,828
National Savings Bonds ..	1,792	..	..	1,792
National Savings Stamps ..	47	..	..	47
War Savings Certificates ..	57,617	..	..	57,617
War Savings Stamps ..	222	..	..	222
Treasury Bills—Internal Bank ..	90,400	..	..	90,400
	288,280	..	..	288,280
Total .. ..	1,508,407	5,775	..	1,514,182
Works and other Purposes ..	59,662	53,284	15,791	128,737
Total—Commonwealth Purposes ..	1,726,823	149,428	15,791	1,892,042
Per Head of Population (c)	£231 5 6	£20 0 3	£2 2 4	£253 8 1
State— Debts of the States ..	548,731	337,578	24,831	911,140
Per Head of Population (d)	£73 13 11	£45 6 9	£3 6 8	£122 7 4
Total Public Debt ..	2,275,554	487,006	40,622	2,803,182
Per Head of Population (c)	£304 15 5	£65 4 6	£5 8 10	£375 8 9

**INTEREST PAYABLE.**

	£ (Aust.)	£ (Stg.)	£(a)	£(e)
Commonwealth— War (1914–19) ..	5,978,020	(f) 395,968	..	6,373,988
War (1939–45) .. ..	38,963,843	231,000	..	39,194,843
Works and other Purposes ..	1,722,918	1,775,675	771,780	4,270,373
Total—Commonwealth Purposes ..	46,664,781	2,402,643	771,780	49,839,204
Average Rate per cent. (g) ..	£2 14 1	£3 8 11	£4 17 9	£2 15 0
State— Debts of the States ..	17,870,517	11,692,014	1,064,189	30,626,720
Average Rate per cent. (g) ..	£3 5 2	£3 9 3	£4 5 9	£3 7 3
Grand Total .. ..	64,535,298	14,094,657	1,835,969	80,465,924
Average Rate per cent. (g) ..	£2 16 9	£3 9 3	£4 10 5	£2 19 1

(a) Payable in terms of dollars. For the purpose of this table, dollars have been arbitrarily converted on the basis of \$4.8665 to £1 (Stg.). (f) The total "face" or "book" values of the Public Debt of the Commonwealth and States leaving out of account currency changes since the loans were floated. (c) Based on estimated population of Australia (including A.C.T. and N.T.) at 30th September, 1946 (subject to revision). (d) Based on estimated aggregate population of the six States at 30th September, 1946, (subject to revision). (e) Nominal amount (and average rate) of interest payable—takes no account of exchange. (f) Excludes suspended interest £3,919,774 on War Debt (£79,724,000) due to British Government. (g) Overdue debt, War and National Savings Stamps and Debt due to British Government (see footnote (f)) excluded for calculating average rate.

## NET LOAN EXPENDITURE ON WORKS.

(PREPARED FROM INFORMATION PUBLISHED IN THE MONTHLY STATEMENTS ISSUED BY EACH TREASURY.)

Six months ended December—	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total, Six States,	Commonwealth.(a)	Grand Total.
1945 .. ..	£'000. 2,053	£'000. 354	£'000. 140	£'000. (b)1,529	£'000. 389	£'000. 179	£'000. 4,644	£'000. 135,810	£'000. 140,454
1946 .. ..	2,579	1,473	1,348	1,685	784	695	8,564	19,914	28,478

(a) Includes expenditure on Defence and War Services. (b) Includes £1,265,000 Exchange on Debt repatriated to Australia.

## COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT.

Particulars.	Where Redeemable.	At 30th June—				
		1939.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.

## TOTAL DEBT.

Commonwealth— War (1914-19)	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Australia £A.	175,194	166,531	164,628	159,317	159,398	159,398
London £Stg.	90,744	90,745	90,745	90,745	90,745	90,745
Australia £A.	..	712,579	1,098,261	1,357,272	1,357,272	1,510,023
London £Stg.	..	18,129	6,122	6,122	6,122	5,775
Australia £A.	43,302	38,241	36,190	35,607	35,607	54,166
London £Stg.	72,097	64,884	64,362	64,112	64,112	53,535
New York £Stg.	15,914	15,790	15,790	15,790	15,790	15,790
<b>Total</b> ..	<b>218,496</b>	<b>917,351</b>	<b>1,299,079</b>	<b>1,552,196</b>	<b>1,723,587</b>	<b>1,723,587</b>
Australia £A.	162,841	173,758	161,229	160,979	149,679	149,679
New York £Stg.	15,914	15,790	15,790	15,790	15,790	15,790
<b>Total</b> ..	<b>397,251</b>	<b>1,106,899</b>	<b>1,476,098</b>	<b>1,728,965</b>	<b>1,889,056</b>	<b>1,889,056</b>
State ..	Australia £A.	485,180	494,115	491,840	514,278	542,645
	London £Stg.	384,328	379,113	373,505	361,391	337,593
	New York £Stg.	28,264	25,610	25,415	25,309	25,113
<b>Total</b> ..	<b>897,772</b>	<b>898,838</b>	<b>890,760</b>	<b>900,978</b>	<b>905,351</b>	<b>905,351</b>
<b>Grand Total</b> ..	Australia £A.	703,676	1,411,466	1,790,919	2,066,474	2,266,232
	London £Stg.	547,169	552,871	554,734	522,370	487,272
	New York £Stg.	44,178	41,400	41,205	41,099	40,903
<b>Total</b> ..	<b>1,295,023</b>	<b>2,005,737</b>	<b>2,366,858</b>	<b>2,629,943</b>	<b>2,794,407</b>	<b>2,794,407</b>

## DEBT PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

Commonwealth— War (1914-19)	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Australia £A.	25 3 4	23 1 2	22 11 3	21 12 0	21 8 0
London £Stg.	13 0 9	12 11 4	12 8 9	12 6 1	12 2 8
Australia £A.	..	98 13 2	150 10 7	183 19 11	202 14 6
London £Stg.	..	2 10 2	0 16 10	0 16 7	0 15 6
Australia £A.	6 4 5	5 5 11	4 19 2	4 16 6	7 5 5
London £Stg.	10 7 1	8 19 8	8 16 5	8 13 10	7 3 9
New York £Stg.	2 5 9	2 3 9	2 3 3	2 2 10	2 2 5
<b>Total</b> ..	<b>31 7 9</b>	<b>127 0 3</b>	<b>178 1 0</b>	<b>210 8 5</b>	<b>231 7 11</b>
	23 7 10	24 1 2	22 2 0	21 16 6	20 1 11
	2 5 9	2 3 9	2 3 3	2 2 10	2 2 5
<b>Total</b> ..	<b>57 1 4</b>	<b>153 5 2</b>	<b>202 6 3</b>	<b>234 7 9</b>	<b>253 12 3</b>
State ..	Australia £A.	69 17 8	68 11 11	67 11 10	69 18 1
	London £Stg.	55 7 2	52 12 7	51 6 7	45 8 11
	New York £Stg.	4 1 5	3 11 1	3 9 10	3 7 8
<b>Total</b> ..	<b>129 6 3</b>	<b>124 15 7</b>	<b>122 8 3</b>	<b>122 9 5</b>	<b>121 17 7</b>
<b>Grand Total</b> ..	Australia £A.	101 1 10	195 8 6	245 9 3	280 2 10
	London £Stg.	78 12 1	76 10 11	73 5 10	70 16 3
	New York £Stg.	6 6 11	5 14 8	5 12 11	5 11 5
<b>Total</b> ..	<b>186 0 10</b>	<b>277 14 1</b>	<b>324 8 0</b>	<b>356 10 6</b>	<b>375 3 2</b>

## COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT—continued.

Particulars.	Where Payable.	At 30th June—				
		1939.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
INTEREST PAYABLE.						
Commonwealth	Australia £A.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
	London £Stg. (a)	8,345	25,145	33,945	40,047	45,396
	New York £Stg.	3,403	3,290	3,277	3,271	2,408
Total (b)	..	778	772	771	772	772
State	..	12,526	29,207	37,993	44,090	48,576
	Australia £A.	17,240	16,863	16,623	16,742	17,646
	London £Stg.	14,963	14,501	14,311	13,928	11,733
Total (b)	..	1,441	1,272	1,263	1,258	1,248
Grand Total, Commonwealth and State	..	33,644	32,636	32,197	31,928	30,627
	Australia £A.	25,585	42,008	50,568	56,789	63,042
	London £Stg. (a)	18,366	17,791	17,588	17,199	14,141
Total (b)	..	2,219	2,044	2,034	2,030	2,020
		46,170	61,843	70,190	76,018	79,203

## AVERAGE RATES OF INTEREST.

Commonwealth and State	Australia	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
		3 12 9	2 19 9	2 16 8	2 15 1	2 15 8
	London (a)	3 18 7	3 17 3	3 17 4	3 17 9	3 9 5
	New York	5 0 6	4 18 0	4 18 9	4 18 9	4 18 9
Total (c)	..	3 16 0	3 4 10	3 1 7	2 19 9	2 18 4

(a) Excludes suspended interest (£3,919,774) on War Debt to British Government (£79,724,000).

(b) The totals shown represent the nominal amount of interest, taking no account of exchange.

(c) Based on the nominal amount of interest payable, taking no account of exchange.

## SHORT-TERM DEBT. (a)

Debt.	Where Redeemable.	At 30th June—								At 31st Dec., 1946.	
		1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.		
Commonwealth	Australia £A.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	
	London £Stg.	..	..	1,750	80,481	259,250	343,280	343,280	343,280	288,280	
State	Australia £A.	50,228	45,463	45,423	45,083	39,200	33,075	330	..	..	
	London £Stg.	23,155	23,155	23,155	24,879	23,730	22,868	22,868	22,868	22,868	
Total	..	Australia £A.	50,228	45,463	47,173	125,564	298,450	376,355	343,610	343,280	288,280
		London £Stg.	27,375	27,125	26,875	28,349	26,950	25,838	25,588	25,338	25,088

(a) Excludes Overdrafts and Internal Treasury Bills.

## (D.) BANKING.

## ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS. (Includes Commonwealth Bank.)

Average for Quarters ended—	Deposits.			Advances. (c)	Government and Municipal Securities (including Treasury Bills).	Percentage Non-interest-bearing to Total Deposits (d)	Percentage Advances to Total Deposits. (d)
	Not bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest. (a)	Total. (b)				
June, 1939 ..	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	%	%
1941 ..	140,225	250,582	390,787	332,688	93,820	35.9	85.1
1942 ..	189,643	268,408	458,051	330,535	142,928	41.4	68.9
1943 ..	227,076	255,646	482,722	323,850	198,429	47.0	64.0
1944 ..	314,609	301,820	616,429	291,680	352,250	51.0	45.1
	385,681	308,812	694,493	270,864	399,090	55.6	37.2
Sept., 1944 ..	384,740	328,850	713,590	267,064	396,685	53.8	35.7
Dec., 1944 ..	399,264	324,108	723,372	253,361	410,149	55.1	33.3
Mar., 1945 ..	424,096	340,223	764,319	246,676	450,670	55.4	30.7
June, 1945 ..	431,868	330,573	762,441	251,705	443,490	57.6	31.4

(a) Includes Inscribed Deposit Stock of E.S. and A. and Queensland National Banks. (b) Customers' Deposits : excludes amounts deposited by trading banks with Commonwealth Bank. (c) Includes short-term Loans, other than Treasury Bills, of the Commonwealth Bank. (d) In computing the ratios, the figures relating to the Rural Bank of New South Wales have been excluded.

NOTE.—Owing to reconstruction of the Commonwealth Bank in August, 1945, it is not possible to continue this series after June, 1945. Monthly averages of liabilities and assets compiled from returns lodged under the Banking Act 1945 and Commonwealth Bank Act 1945 are shown in the ensuing tables.

## CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

## (i) Liabilities within Australia. (a)

Period.	Interminable Deposits and Deposit Stock.	Deposits.			Notes in Circulation.	Balances due to other Banks.	Bills payable and all other Liabilities.	Total Liabilities.
		Not bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.				

## COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA—GENERAL BANKING DIVISION.

	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Quarter ended Mar. 1946	...	35,541	21,681	57,222	...	347	2,978	60,547
" June, 1946	...	38,335	19,971	58,306	...	340	2,314	60,960
" Sept. 1946	...	38,262	18,531	56,793	...	335	1,647	58,775
1946—Month of Oct. ..	...	39,624	18,447	58,071	...	351	1,323	59,745
" Nov. ..	...	39,862	18,234	58,096	...	369	1,020	59,485
" Dec. ..	...	40,446	18,006	58,452	...	370	1,393	60,215

## NINE AUSTRALIAN TRADING BANKS.(b)

	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Quarter ended Mar. 1946	1,646	406,097	220,195	626,292	166	1,174	6,502	635,780
" June, 1946	1,646	417,193	214,482	631,675	166	1,218	7,416	642,121
" Sept. 1946	910	406,639	210,595	617,234	162	1,444	7,664	627,414
1946—Month of Oct. ..	910	415,357	208,544	623,901	158	1,913	7,811	634,693
" Nov. ..	907	417,332	206,159	623,491	158	1,999	7,466	634,021
" Dec. ..	901	428,496	206,465	634,961	158	1,848	7,924	645,792

## OTHER CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(b)

	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Quarter ended Mar. 1946	12,549	7,926	5,161	13,087	...	72	358	26,066
" June, 1946	12,490	8,320	5,183	13,503	...	86	595	26,674
" Sept. 1946	12,557	9,353	5,119	14,472	...	73	292	27,394
1946—Month of Oct. ..	12,383	9,688	5,197	14,885	...	76	284	27,628
" Nov. ..	12,383	9,924	5,074	14,998	...	80	300	27,761
" Dec. ..	12,220	9,913	5,063	14,976	...	115	343	27,654

## ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(b)(c)

	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Quarter ended Mar. 1946	14,195	449,564	247,037	696,601	166	1,593	9,838	722,393
" June, 1946	14,136	463,848	239,636	703,484	166	1,644	10,325	729,755
" Sept. 1946	13,467	454,254	234,245	688,499	162	1,852	9,603	713,583
1946—Month of Oct. ..	13,293	464,669	232,188	696,857	158	2,340	9,418	722,066
" Nov. ..	13,290	467,118	229,467	696,585	158	2,448	8,786	721,267
" Dec. ..	13,121	478,855	229,534	708,889	158	2,333	9,660	733,661

## (ii) Assets within Australia.(a)

Period.	Cash and Cash Balances. (d)	Special Account with C'w'lth. Bank.	Balances with other Banks.	Australian Public Securities.		Other Securities.	Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted.	All other Assets.	Total Assets.
				Treasury Bills.	Other.				
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.

## COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA—GENERAL BANKING DIVISION.

	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	
Quarter ended Mar. 1946	7,117	...	182	3,833	33,920	...	19,080	1,500	65,632
" June, 1946	5,380	...	249	3,423	34,169	...	21,040	2,121	66,382
" Sept. 1946	7,060	...	217	2,215	33,695	...	19,507	1,578	64,272
1946—Month of Oct. ..	6,556	...	179	2,000	35,630	...	19,078	1,689	65,182
" Nov. ..	5,590	...	210	2,000	35,630	...	19,411	2,242	65,083
" Dec. ..	5,487	...	227	2,000	35,618	...	19,716	2,408	65,456

## NINE AUSTRALIAN TRADING BANKS.(b)

	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	
Quarter ended Mar. 1946	43,276	241,546	8,424	72,797	118,903	169	208,611	12,444	706,170
" June, 1946	34,174	258,261	9,569	51,224	122,775	165	219,698	13,063	708,929
" Sept. 1946	35,228	253,051	9,603	23,779	113,303	165	239,456	13,851	688,436
1946—Month of Oct. ..	36,529	252,293	10,139	24,470	107,888	166	252,486	14,083	698,054
" Nov. ..	37,333	256,564	9,512	24,545	100,501	166	258,146	14,163	700,930
" Dec. ..	42,431	263,209	11,459	24,770	90,555	166	261,109	14,703	708,402

## OTHER CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(b)

	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	
Quarter ended Mar. 1946	2,205	1,982	2,302	1,104	7,446	219	16,839	1,238	33,335
" June, 1946	1,596	2,126	2,059	1,286	8,653	220	16,817	1,293	34,050
" Sept. 1946	2,517	2,100	2,094	550	8,556	315	21,625	1,969	30,726
1946—Month of Oct. ..	2,515	1,593	1,984	797	8,647	315	22,401	2,081	40,333
" Nov. ..	2,168	1,676	1,994	925	8,751	315	22,482	2,127	40,408
" Dec. ..	2,077	1,892	1,951	805	8,530	228	22,655	2,234	40,372

## ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(b)(c)

	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	
Quarter ended Mar. 1946	52,598	243,528	10,908	77,734	160,269	388	244,530	15,182	805,137
" June, 1946	41,150	260,387	11,877	55,933	165,597	385	257,555	16,477	809,361
" Sept. 1946	44,305	255,151	11,914	26,544	155,554	480	280,588	17,398	792,434
1946—Month of Oct. ..	45,600	253,886	12,302	27,267	152,165	481	293,965	17,853	803,519
" Nov. ..	45,091	258,240	11,686	27,470	144,882	481	300,039	18,532	806,421
" Dec. ..	49,995	265,101	13,637	27,575	134,703	394	303,480	19,345	814,230

(a) Average of weekly figures for period.  
 (b) Compiled from returns lodged under the *Banking Act* 1945.  
 (c) Includes General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank.  
 (d) Coin, bullion, Australian notes and cash with Commonwealth Bank.

## NINE AUSTRALIAN TRADING BANKS.

(Excludes Commonwealth Bank.)

## (i) Liabilities within Australia.(a)

Quarter ended—	Notes in Circulation.	Bills in Circulation.	Balances due to other Banks.	Deposits.			Inscribed Deposit Stock.	Total Liabilities.
				Not bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.		
June, 1939 ..	£'000. 167	£'000. 3,066	£'000. 810	£'000. (b)120,112	£'000. 201,214	£'000. 321,326	£'000. 2,638	£'000. 328,007
" 1943 ..	167	4,452	955	(b)258,441	196,925	455,366	2,594	463,534
" 1944 ..	167	4,767	1,026	(b)319,928	218,341	538,269	2,344	546,573
" 1945 ..	166	5,097	1,083	(b)364,288	224,938	589,226	1,718	597,290
Dec., 1945 ..	166	(b) 6,432	1,358	371,835	222,666	594,501	1,664	604,121
Mar., 1946 ..	166	(b) 6,502	1,174	406,097	220,195	626,292	1,646	635,780
June, 1946 ..	166	(b) 7,416	1,218	417,193	214,482	631,675	1,646	642,121
Sept., 1946 ..	162	(b) 7,664	1,444	406,639	210,595	617,234	910	627,414
Dec., 1946 ..	158	(b) 7,749	1,914	421,018	207,011	628,029	905	638,755

## (ii) Assets within Australia.(a)

Quarter ended—	Coin and Bullion.	Australian Notes and Cash with Commonwealth Bank.	Government and Municipal Securities.(c)	Special Account with Commonwealth Bank.	Land and House Property.	Balances due from other Banks.(d)	Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted.(e)	All Other Assets.	Total Assets.
June, 1939 ..	£'000. 3,006	£'000. 27,449	£'000. 47,298	£'000. ..	£'000. 9,558	£'000. 3,815	£'000. 290,776	£'000. (f)	£'000. 381,902
" 1943 ..	1,819	30,573	133,785	100,401	9,881	6,783	244,776	(f)	528,018
" 1944 ..	1,968	36,499	148,713	178,600	9,761	7,787	224,858	(J)	608,186
" 1945 ..	2,043	33,776	164,070	239,618	9,762	7,759	205,758	(f)	662,786
Dec., 1945 ..	2,262	38,122	176,057	227,311	9,814	8,959	209,291	2,711	674,527
Mar., 1946 ..	2,360	40,916	191,700	241,546	9,792	8,424	208,611	2,821	706,170
June, 1946 ..	2,239	31,935	173,999	258,261	9,859	9,569	219,698	3,369	708,929
Sept., 1946 ..	2,320	32,909	137,082	253,051	9,984	9,602	239,456	4,032	688,426
Dec., 1946 ..	2,466	36,581	123,557	257,805	9,969	10,454	257,544	4,543	702,919

(a) Average of weekly figures for quarter. (b) Includes Other Liabilities. (c) Includes Treasury Bills. (d) Includes Notes, Cheques and Bills of other banks. (e) Includes All Other Assets prior to December Quarter, 1945. (f) Included with Loans, &c., prior to December Quarter, 1945.

## COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

Average for Quarter ended—	General Banking Department—Business within Australia.						Note Issue and General Banking Department.	
	Deposits.			Balances Due to other Banks.	Special Account of Trading Banks.	Advances, &c., and Short-term loans. (a)		
	Not Bearing Interest. (a)	Bearing Interest.	Total.					
June, 1939 ..	£'000. 18,128	£'000. 43,274	£'000. 61,402	£'000. 18,746	£'000. ..	£'000. 18,948	£'000. 44,935	£'000. 32,866
" 1942 ..	29,816	57,132	86,948	33,076	37,286	32,129	100,057	44,917
" 1943 ..	50,953	98,683	149,636	25,885	100,844	27,027	213,961	58,590
" 1944 ..	60,618	82,461	143,079	32,864	179,454	27,800	243,432	133,350
Sept., 1944 ..	64,361	101,202	165,563	31,614	183,832	32,111	238,774	172,271
Dec., 1944 ..	56,629	94,309	150,938	33,231	191,928	23,787	234,258	177,029
Mar., 1945 ..	55,156	106,800	161,956	35,245	220,087	28,851	260,760	185,123
June, 1945 ..	59,956	99,294	159,250	30,527	241,193	27,818	271,417	190,456
								182,658

(a) Government "Set-off" accounts, Interstate deducted. (b) Includes Treasury Bills. (c) Not to be taken as a measure of Net London Funds. (d) Notes held by Other Banks and by Public. See following page for details of Note Issue.

NOTE.—Owing to the reconstruction of the Commonwealth Bank in August, 1945, it is not possible to continue after June, 1945, all the series in the table above. Averages from March, 1946, for the General Banking Division and from December, 1945, for the Central Banking Business (including Note Issue Department) are shown on pages 60 and 62 respectively.

**COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.**  
**CENTRAL BANKING BUSINESS. (Including Note Issue Department). (a)**

Period.	Notes on Issue.			Special Accounts of Trading Banks.	Other Deposits of Trading Banks.	Other Liabilities (excluding Capital and Reserves).	Gold and Balances held Abroad.	Government and Other Securities (including Treasury Bills.)					
	Held by—		Total.										
	Banks.	Public.											
1945—	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.					
December Quarter ..	17,060	174,529	191,589	229,064	27,507	142,625	170,217	416,768					
1946—													
March Quarter ..	17,370	177,427	194,797	243,528	31,047	144,407	182,256	421,911					
June ..	16,617	181,213	197,830	260,387	22,415	146,109	200,319	416,973					
Sept. ..	17,161	180,644	197,805	255,151	22,962	137,475	210,210	400,764					
Month of October ..	17,473	180,395	197,868	253,886	24,065	128,216	220,701	383,392					
.. November ..	18,145	179,910	198,055	258,240	23,446	119,981	218,836	381,114					
.. December ..	19,950	182,680	202,630	265,101	27,052	108,765	220,571	382,434					

(a) Average of weekly figures for period.

**AVERAGE VALUE OF AUSTRALIAN NOTES HELD BY THE BANKS AND BY THE PUBLIC.**

Particulars.	Held by Banks.	Held by Public.	Total Note Issue.	Reserve.	
				Amount. (a)	Percentage on total circulation.
1939 (b) .. .. ..	£'000. 14,493	£'000. 35,187	£'000. 49,590	£'000. 16,030	32.4
1943 (b) .. .. ..	15,457	126,936	142,393	36,518	25.7
1944 (b) .. .. ..	15,925	171,911	187,836	48,200	25.7
1945 (b) .. .. ..	17,091	172,084	189,125	(d)	(d)
1946 (b) .. .. ..	17,759	180,292	198,051	(d)	(d)
1946 (c) October ..	17,413	180,267	197,680	(d)	(d)
November ..	18,610	179,570	198,180	(d)	(d)
December ..	22,716	184,714	207,430	(d)	(d)

(a) Includes English sterling, valued in Australian currency. (b) Average of twelve monthly statements. (c) On last Monday in each month. (d) The Commonwealth Bank Act 1945 repealed the provisions requiring the Commonwealth Bank to hold a reserve in Gold and English Sterling.

**COMMONWEALTH NOTES OUTSTANDING.**

Denomination.	25th Dec., 1939.	27th Dec., 1943.	25th Dec., 1944.	31st Dec., 1945.	30th Dec., 1946.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
10s. .. .. ..	4,806	7,511	8,406	8,547	8,230
£1 .. .. ..	25,805	56,297	64,585	77,476	71,016
£5 .. .. ..	15,254	60,091	74,665	80,902	82,464
£10 .. .. ..	6,613	31,487	44,426	32,356	44,695
£20 .. .. ..	96	52	48	10	9
£50 .. .. ..	1,563	3,407	4,483	141	101
£100 .. .. ..	2,615	4,560	5,732	215	182
£1,000 .. .. ..	523	357	149	317	733
Held by banks ..	13,009	13,761	15,305	20,215	22,716
public ..	44,266	150,001	187,189	179,749	184,714
Total ..	57,275	163,762	202,494	199,964	207,430

**DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS. (a).**

All Cheque-paying Banks.

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
1945—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
December Quarter ..	50,985	43,074	15,165	7,906	5,540	2,783	97	125,550
1946—								
March Quarter ..	51,042	45,565	14,163	8,808	6,144	2,856	86	128,664
June ..	57,954	50,248	15,166	9,390	6,161	3,125	106	142,150
Sept. ..	63,272	52,075	16,738	9,927	6,819	3,293	111	152,835
Month of October ..	62,680	53,710	17,438	10,305	6,830	3,417	94	154,474
.. November ..	64,795	57,555	18,097	10,509	6,711	3,203	119	160,989
.. December ..	67,329	62,051	17,159	10,082	7,440	3,303	116	167,480

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under Banking Act 1945. Average of weeks ended Monday for period.

## BANK CLEARING HOUSES.—AVERAGE WEEKLY VALUE OF BILLS, CHEQUES, ETC., CLEARED.

Weekly Average.	Sydney.		Melbourne.		Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Ho- bart.
	Total Clear- ings.	Clearings less Tre- asury Bill transac- tions.(a)	Total Clear- ings.	Clearings less Tre- asury Bill transac- tions.(a)				
Year 1938 ..	£'000. 23,227	£'000. 18,065	£'000. 16,855	£'000. 16,076	£'000. 4,164	£'000. 3,048	£'000. 2,092	£'000. 590
,, 1943 ..	32,351	27,649	27,109	27,061	6,424	4,760	2,638	879
,, 1944 ..	32,942	28,746	27,757	27,730	7,074	5,101	2,774	1,000
,, 1945 ..	28,992	28,992	28,455	28,437	7,020	5,142	2,907	1,101
,, 1946 ..	35,545	35,545	35,003	35,003	7,469	6,154	3,638	1,259
1946—								
1st Oct. to 28th Oct. ..	39,282	39,282	34,567	34,567	8,282	6,541	3,792	1,361
29th Oct. to 25th Nov. ..	39,329	39,329	38,267	38,267	8,672	6,447	3,494	1,226
26th Nov. to 30th Dec. ..	38,214	38,214	37,611	37,611	8,231	6,125	4,010	1,315

(a) Average weekly clearings excluding transactions connected with the issue and redemption of Treasury Bills. These abnormal transactions have been in operation in Victoria since October, 1929, and in New South Wales since October, 1930.

## SAVINGS BANKS—DEPOSITS.(a)

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Aust. Cap. Terr.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
June—									
1939 ..	87,474	80,461	29,045	27,397	12,396	8,396	99	319	245,587
1943 ..	122,406	121,249	45,197	38,563	18,884	11,174	(b)	522	357,995
1944 ..	162,867	153,887	65,479	48,592	25,791	14,213	(b)	701	471,530
1945 ..	198,203	182,149	80,094	56,995	31,763	16,914	(b)	846	566,964
1946 ..	236,242	211,326	90,063	65,865	38,289	20,447	349	973	663,554
1945—									
Oct. ..	209,905	192,793	84,254	59,837	33,952	18,027	(b)	883	590,651
Nov. ..	214,806	195,938	85,731	60,974	34,845	18,476	(b)	919	611,689
Dec. ..	219,560	198,614	87,168	61,973	35,449	18,862	(b)	957	622,583
1946—									
Oct. ..	234,804	212,079	89,010	66,293	37,683	20,601	449	998	661,917
Nov. ..	233,006	211,588	88,203	65,976	37,393	20,608	448	978	655,200
Dec. ..	231,311	210,591	87,374	65,795	36,868	20,455	447	968	655,809

(a) Includes Commonwealth Savings Bank. (b) Included with South Australia.

NOTE.—In addition to the savings shown above a net amount (i.e., total less re-purchases), of £57,573,000 was subscribed for War Savings Certificates between March, 1940 and December, 1946.

## COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK—DEPOSITS.

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Aust. Cap. Terr.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
June—									
1939 ..	87,474	11,242	29,045	3,167	12,396	2,358	99	319	146,100
1943 ..	122,406	23,731	45,197	6,311	18,884	3,542	(a)	522	220,593
1944 ..	162,867	31,205	65,479	8,474	25,791	4,814	(a)	701	299,331
1945 ..	198,203	38,933	80,094	10,505	31,763	6,006	(a)	846	366,350
1946 ..	236,242	47,603	90,063	12,665	38,289	7,851	349	973	434,035
1945—									
Oct. ..	209,905	42,467	84,254	11,354	33,952	6,498	(a)	883	389,313
Nov. ..	214,806	43,077	85,731	11,722	34,845	6,737	(a)	919	397,837
Dec. ..	219,560	43,983	87,168	12,025	35,449	6,962	(a)	957	406,104
1946—									
Oct. ..	234,804	47,479	89,010	12,734	37,683	7,854	449	998	431,011
Nov. ..	233,006	46,960	88,203	12,679	37,393	7,820	448	978	427,487
Dec. ..	231,311	46,763	87,374	12,637	36,868	7,748	447	968	424,116

(a) Included with South Australia.

## Section V.—Railways, Aircraft, Motor Vehicles and Wireless.

## (A.) RAILWAYS.

## RAILWAYS (GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE) OPEN FOR TRAFFIC.

NOTE.—The mileage of private lines is shown in brackets and refers to lines available for general traffic only.

Government.	1938-39.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.
Commonwealth ..	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201
New South Wales ..	6,114 (69)	6,127 (69)	6,127 (69)	6,128 (66)	6,128 (66)
Victoria ..	4,759 (25)	4,766 (25)	4,758 (25)	4,748 (13)	4,748 (13)
Queensland ..	6,567 (183)	6,567 (183)	6,567 (183)	6,566 (182)	6,566 (182)
South Australia ..	2,557 (51)	2,557 (51)	2,547 (51)	2,547 (51)	2,547 (51)
Western Australia ..	4,378 (277)	4,381 (277)	4,381 (277)	4,381 (277)	4,381 (277)
Tasmania ..	658 (116)	642 (116)	642 (116)	642 (116)	642 (116)
Total ..	27,234 (721)	27,241 (721)	27,223 (721)	27,213 (705)	27,213 (705)

## GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

## CAPITAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT.(a)

Government.	1938-39.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.
	£	£	£	£	£
Commonwealth ..	17,032,884	17,433,858	17,700,704	17,823,993	17,945,906
New South Wales ..	147,617,530	150,661,127	151,849,840	152,144,668	153,099,820
Victoria ..	52,448,789	52,718,195	52,637,204	52,746,555	52,850,404
Queensland ..	38,419,013	39,349,083	39,479,733	39,907,071	40,377,436
South Australia ..	29,732,889	30,801,278	31,290,224	30,673,614	30,982,829
Western Australia ..	26,021,781	26,393,048	26,362,545	26,530,724	26,628,491
Tasmania ..	2,140,330	2,348,784	2,497,290	2,765,041	2,943,916
Total(b) ..	315,860,188	322,152,345	324,264,512	325,038,638	327,275,774

## AVERAGE MILES WORKED.

Government.	1938-39.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.
Commonwealth ..	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201
New South Wales ..	6,114	6,127	6,127	6,128	6,128
Victoria ..	4,754	4,746	4,758	4,748	4,748
Queensland ..	6,567	6,567	6,567	6,566	6,566
South Australia ..	2,557	2,557	2,549	2,547	2,547
Western Australia ..	4,376	4,381	4,381	4,381	4,381
Tasmania ..	658	642	642	642	642
Total ..	27,227	27,221	27,225	27,213	27,213

## TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN(c)—'000.

Commonwealth ..	..	..	902	2,322	3,473	3,453	2,426
New South Wales ..	..	..	30,106	d 36,368	e 39,000	e 37,100	e 38,900
Victoria ..	..	..	17,890	18,249	18,437	16,413	16,337
Queensland ..	..	..	13,927	16,396	d 19,851	d 19,794	d 17,574
South Australia ..	..	..	6,177	6,599	6,792	6,777	6,618
Western Australia ..	..	..	6,575	6,355	6,340	6,044	6,171
Tasmania ..	..	..	1,906	2,176	2,217	2,185	2,201
Total ..	..	..	77,483	88,465	96,110	91,766	90,227

## GROSS REVENUE—£'000.

Commonwealth ..	..	..	547	2,195	3,746	3,459	2,424
New South Wales ..	..	..	19,946	28,487	34,872	35,301	32,377
Victoria ..	..	..	9,284	14,520	17,030	15,882	15,258
Queensland ..	..	..	7,798	11,654	18,027	16,430	13,809
South Australia ..	..	..	3,119	4,944	5,811	5,979	5,460
Western Australia ..	..	..	3,599	3,996	4,417	4,387	4,276
Tasmania ..	..	..	487	686	843	871	900
Total ..	..	..	44,780	66,482	84,746	82,309	74,504

(a) Capital has been reduced during past years by approximately £61,500,000 (Victoria, £25,700,000; Queensland, £28,000,000; South Australia, £3,100,000; Tasmania, £4,700,000). (b) Includes £2,446,972, Commonwealth proportion of Grafton-South Brisbane Line capital not included with States.

(c) Excludes "Assistant" and "Light" mileages. (d) Partly estimated. (e) Estimated.

## Government Railways—continued.

Government.	1938-39.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.
WORKING EXPENSES—£'000.					
Commonwealth ..	..	642	1,506	2,171	2,521
New South Wales ..	..	14,543	21,713	27,343	27,535
Victoria ..	..	8,060	11,600	14,040	13,214
Queensland ..	..	6,193	8,488	11,400	13,163
South Australia ..	..	2,931	3,856	4,661	5,213
Western Australia ..	..	2,911	3,026	3,447	3,796
Tasmania ..	..	678	854	965	1,136
Total ..	..	35,958	51,043	64,027	66,578
NET EARNINGS—£'000.					
Commonwealth ..	..	— 95	689	1,575	938
New South Wales ..	..	5,403	6,774	7,529	7,766
Victoria ..	..	1,224	2,920	2,990	2,668
Queensland ..	..	1,605	3,166	6,627	3,267
South Australia ..	..	188	1,088	1,150	766
Western Australia ..	..	688	970	970	591
Tasmania ..	..	—191	—168	—122	—265
Total ..	..	8,822	15,439	20,719	15,731
PERCENTAGE OF NET EARNINGS ON CAPITAL COST. (a)					
		%	%	%	%
Commonwealth ..	..	—0.56	3.95	8.90	5.27
New South Wales ..	..	3.66	4.50	4.95	5.10
Victoria ..	..	2.33	5.54	5.68	5.06
Queensland ..	..	4.18	8.05	16.78	8.19
South Australia ..	..	0.63	3.53	3.67	2.50
Western Australia ..	..	2.64	3.68	3.68	2.23
Tasmania ..	..	—8.91	—7.16	—4.88	—9.60
Total (b) ..	..	2.79	4.79	6.39	4.84
					4.01

Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

(a) See note (a) on previous page. On the basis of the original capital the adjusted percentages for 1944-45 are as follows:—Victoria, 3.09; Queensland, 3.12; South Australia, 0.92; Tasmania, —3.49; Total, 3.38. (b) Includes Commonwealth proportion capital Grafton-South Brisbane Line (see note (b) on previous page).

## PARTICULARS FOR QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1945.

Particulars.	C'wealth.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land. (a)	S.A.(b)	W.A.	Tas.	Total.
Miles open ..	2,201	6,128	4,748	6,497	2,547	4,381	642	27,144
Revenue—	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.
Coaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, &c.) £	194	3,580	1,776	1,023	403	299	68	7,343
Goods, including live-stock and minerals £	298	3,970	1,606	2,046	753	633	143	9,449
Miscellaneous £	20	(e) 419	303	(d)	89	30	7	(e) 888
Total Revenue £	512	(f) 7,969	3,685	3,069	1,245	962	218	17,660
Expenditure .. £	447	5,980	2,981	2,641	1,233	963	(g) 264	14,509
Train-miles run ..	552	9,835	4,120	4,184	1,682	(h) 1,500	(h) 559	22,432
Earnings per train-mile ..	18s. 7d.	16s. 2d.	17s. 11d.	14s. 8d.	14s. 10d.	12s. 10d.	7s. 9d.	15s. 9d.
Expenditure per train-mile ..	16s. 2d.	12s. 2d.	14s. 6d.	12s. 8d.	14s. 8d.	12s. 10d.	9s. 5d.	12s. 11d.
Expenditure per cent. on Earnings .. %	87.27	75.04	80.90	86.05	99.02	100.15	121.27	82.16
Passenger-journeys ..	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.
Freight carried, tons—	102	65,420	49,212	10,078	6,102	4,102	822	135,838
Coal and Coke ..	11	(i)	(i)	262	64	73	50	(j)
Other Minerals ..	1	(i)	(i)	95	127	61	(k)	(i)
Live-stock ..	14	(l) 292	(l) 115	198	43	29	6	697
Other Goods ..	48	4,199	1,659	1,039	513	454	176	8,088
Total ..	74	4,491	1,774	1,594	747	617	232	9,529

(a) Excludes Grafton-South Brisbane Line. (b) Includes Road Motors. (c) From sale of electrical energy only: other miscellaneous included with Coaching and Goods. (d) Included with Coaching. (e) Incomplete. (f) Excludes Governmental contributions towards losses on non-paying developmental lines. (g) Excludes depreciation. (h) Includes Assistant and Light Miles. (i) Included with Other Goods. (j) Not available. (k) Included with Coal and Coke. (l) Estimated.

## Government Railways—continued.

PARTICULARS FOR QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1946.

Particulars.	C'wealth.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land. (a)	S.A.(t)	W.A.	Tas.	Total.
Miles open .. ..	2,201	6,128	4,748	6,497	2,547	4,381	642	27,144
Revenue—								
Coaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, &c.) £	'000. 123	'000. 3,107	'000. 1,691	'000. 788	'000. 324	'000. 281	'000. 61	'000. 6,375
Goods, including live-stock and minerals £	182	4,064	1,629	1,980	783	701	145	9,484
Miscellaneous £	26	(e) 457	283	(d)	99	28	6	(e) 899
Total Revenue £	331	(f) 7,628	3,603	2,768	1,206	1,010	212	16,758
Expenditure £	319	6,087	3,302	2,531	1,241	1,079	(g) 271	14,830
Train-miles run .. ..	449	8,999	4,275	3,971	1,541	(h) 1,700	(h) 553	21,488
Earnings per train-mile ..	14s. 9d.	16s. 11d.	16s. 10d.	13s. 11d.	15s. 8d.	11s. 11d.	7s. 8d.	15s. 7d.
Expenditure per train-mile ..	14s. 2d.	13s. 6d.	15s. 5d.	12s. 9d.	16s. 1d.	12s. 8d.	9s. 10d.	13s. 10d.
Expenditure per cent. on Earnings .. %	96.33	79.80	91.29	91.45	102.87	106.83	127.82	88.50
Passenger-journeys ..	'000. 53	64,577	50,259	'000. 8,747	'000. 5,146	'000. 3,717	'000. 829	'000. 133,328
Freight carried, tons—								
Coal and Coke ..	52	(i)	(i)	260	131	90	58	(j)
Other Minerals ..	1	(i)	(i)	88	105	65	(k)	(j)
Live-stock ..	21	(b) 303	(b) 123	201	52	40	7	747
Other Goods ..	30	4,348	1,760	1,175	532	415	165	8,425
Total .. ..	104	4,651	1,883	1,724	820	610	230	10,022

(a) Excludes Grafton-South Brisbane Line. (b) Includes Road Motors. (c) From sale of electrical energy only; other miscellaneous included with Coaching and Goods. (d) Included with Coaching. (e) Incomplete. (f) Excludes Governmental contributions towards losses on non-paying developmental lines. (g) Excludes depreciation. (h) Includes Assistant and Light Miles. (i) Included with Other Goods. (j) Not available. (k) Included with Coal and Coke. (l) Estimated.

## (B.) CIVIL AVIATION.(a)

Particulars.	Year ended 30th June—				Quarter ended September, 1946.
	1939.	1944.	1945.	1946.	
Registered Aircraft owners (b) .. .. No.	149	116	125	182	182
Registered Aircraft (b) .. ..	296	185	206	349	349
Licensed Pilots—(b)					
Private .. ..	1,096	159	215	320	320
Commercial .. ..	346	305	428	1,019	1,019
Licensed Ground Engineers(b) .. ..	525	1,039	1,122	1,226	1,226
Aerodromes—(b)					
Government .. ..	71	69	77	96	96
Public .. ..	213	206	230	230	230
Government Emergency Grounds .. ..	147	78	83	73	73
Hours flown .. ..	121,935	84,274	111,122	152,140	40,458
Approximate mileage .. .. '000	14,099	10,082	14,992	21,528	5,973
Passengers carried .. .. No.	147,919	235,775	342,070	522,157	167,388
Goods, weight carried lb. '000	1,735	3,132	4,756	10,260	4,757
Mails, gross weight carried—					
Internal .. lb. '000	(c)	(d)	(d)	1,862	237
Oversea .. ..	(c)	377	444	911	134
Total .. ..	740	2,815	3,250	2,773	371
Accidents—					
Persons killed .. No.	38	1	26	44	6
" injured .. ..	15	1	10	1	8

(a) Includes particulars of Qantas Oversea Services but excludes particulars of Trans-Tasman service. (b) At 30th June of year shown above each column. (c) Not available. (d) Net weight.

NOTE.—Figures for flying operations during 1942-43 and later refer to the larger organizations only.

## (C.) TELEPHONES.

Particulars.	At 30th June—				At 31st Dec., 1946.
	1939.	1944.	1945.	1946.	
Lines connected .. ..	No. 487,535	No. 557,072	No. 577,777	No. 607,475	No. 629,963
Instruments connected .. ..	661,996	799,729	827,862	855,917	881,462

## (D.) MOTOR VEHICLES.

(EXCLUDING DEFENCE SERVICE VEHICLES).

## REGISTRATIONS, LICENCES AND GROSS REVENUE, 1945-46.

State or Territory.	No. of Registrations.			No. of Drivers and Riders' Licences Issued.	Gross Revenue.			
	Motor Cars.	Commercial Vehicles, &c.	Motor Cycles.		Vehicles' Registration and Motor Tax.	Drivers' and Riders' &c., Licences.	Miscellaneous.	
New South Wales ..	192,335	98,245	20,492	311,072	518,644	2,278,547	267,446	99,726 £ 2,645,719
Victoria ..	146,605	102,196	23,249	272,050	401,610	1,671,996	100,413	107,351 £ 1,879,760
Queensland ..	71,003	63,694	8,627	143,324	188,564	808,748	77,174	86,371 £ 972,293
South Australia ..	61,937	28,768	10,110	100,815	138,706	577,414	63,436	16,037 £ 656,887
Western Australia ..	31,408	28,668	6,799	66,875	89,141	327,188	29,007	40,692 £ 306,887
Tasmania ..	17,356	7,831	3,200	28,387	34,092	202,333	17,466	28,485 £ 248,284
Northern Territory ..	337	3,023	103	3,463	2,553	5,564	952 ..	6,516
Australian Capital Territory ..	1,634	704	121	2,450	3,890	11,054	1,834	70 £ 12,958
Total 1945-46 ..	522,615	333,129	72,701	928,445	1,378,040	5,882,844	557,728	378,732 £ 6,819,304
Total, 1944-45 ..	505,782	290,961	57,239	853,982	1,180,589	5,354,624	484,376	300,435 £ 6,139,435
1938-39 ..	562,271	258,025	79,237	899,533	1,238,497	6,318,435	508,387	257,052 £ 7,084,474

## NUMBER OF REGISTRATIONS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1946.

Vehicles.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.
Motor Cars ..	196,811	153,988	72,710	64,370	31,795	17,975	337	1,713	539,699
Commercial Vehicles, &c.	107,701	109,281	69,765	31,450	30,654	8,541	3,023	774	361,189
Motor Cycles ..	23,499	23,520	10,524	11,418	7,296	3,453	103	130	81,943
Total at 31st Dec., 1946	328,011	288,789	152,999	107,238	(a) 69,745	29,069	(b) 3,463	2,617	982,831
Total at 31st Dec., 1945	297,393	250,424	135,057	97,124	61,642	27,547	(c) 2,520	2,311	883,018
Total at 31st Dec., 1938	314,797	256,656	125,688	95,735	61,020	25,418	1,249	2,136	882,699

(a) Includes extra-metropolitan area as at 30th November, 1946. (b) At 30th June, 1946. (c) At 30th June, 1945.

## REGISTRATIONS OF NEW VEHICLES DURING SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1946.

Vehicles.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Total. (a)
Motor Cars ..	3,439	2,965	1,171	1,047	514	341	26	9,503
Commercial Vehicles, &c.	2,777	1,998	1,336	683	436	316	9	7,555
Motor Cycles ..	1,429	820	507	584	289	224	4	3,857
Total, six months ended December, 1946 ..	7,645	5,783	3,014	2,314	(b) 1,239	881	39	20,915
Total, six months ended December, 1945 ..	1,360	1,422	503	362	240	186	5	4,078
Total, six months ended December, 1938 ..	15,474	12,044	7,070	4,141	1,787	1,430	172	42,118

(a) Excludes Northern Territory. (b) Subject to revision.

NOTE.—In each of the tables above, taxis and hire cars are included with motor cars, and particulars of primary producers' vehicles in Victoria are included under the heading Commercial Vehicles, &c.

## (E.) WIRELESS.

## NUMBER OF BROADCAST LISTENERS' LICENCES.(a)

In force at—	N.S.W. (b)	Victoria.	Q'land. (c)	S. Aust. (d)	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	Australia.
30th June, 1939 ..	433,029	327,579	133,217	117,307	79,262	39,392	1,129,786
" 1944 ..	560,032	409,325	180,090	155,253	99,246	50,356	1,454,302
" 1945 ..	572,697	412,317	184,341	157,825	102,065	50,557	1,479,802
" 1946 ..	575,864	415,885	191,186	161,724	106,529	51,992	1,506,180
31st Dec., 1946 ..	598,643	425,234	201,298	170,782	111,392	55,144	1,562,493

(a) From 30th June, 1943, includes licences in respect of more than one receiver owned by one person. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Papua. (d) Includes Northern Territory.

## Section VI.—Labour and Industrial Statistics.

## TRADE UNIONS.

## Number of Trade Unions, Branch Unions and Membership.

Year.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.	Australia.
NUMBER OF SEPARATE UNIONS.										
1938	194	147	111	114	136	78	6	15	801	(a)366
1941	193	146	115	117	141	76	4	15	807	(a)374
1942	194	142	113	113	138	73	4	15	792	(a)377
1943	192	142	113	113	138	73	4	15	790	(a)375
1944	189	141	112	112	136	72	4	15	781	(a)370
1945	184	139	110	112	132	71	4	15	767	(a)368

NUMBER OF BRANCHES.										
1938	573	400	314	179	202	58	..	1	1,727	(b)2,162
1941	599	386	309	174	208	71	..	1	1,748	(b)2,181
1942	597	382	308	174	208	71	..	1	1,741	(b)2,156
1943	592	382	308	175	207	71	..	1	1,736	(b)2,151
1944	591	382	307	173	208	71	..	1	1,733	(b)2,144
1945	591	382	307	173	208	71	..	1	1,733	(b)2,132

NUMBER OF MEMBERS.										
1938	346,837	215,021	169,569	62,404	67,932	21,051	806	1,538	885,158	885,158
1941	425,522	270,343	192,015	95,289	65,015	24,292	1,406	1,798	1,075,680	1,075,680
1942	483,039	302,782	190,578	111,388	64,535	26,893	1,406	1,796	1,182,417	1,182,417
1943	498,169	311,791	194,225	107,311	63,880	26,130	1,406	1,951	1,204,863	1,204,863
1944	508,832	314,952	192,085	104,892	67,017	26,939	1,406	2,055	1,218,778	1,218,778
1945	501,845	306,649	192,087	97,829	71,512	27,114	1,406	1,953	1,200,395	1,200,395

(a) Allowing for interstate duplication. The figures represent the number of distinct organizations and interstate groups of organizations in Australia. They do not represent the total number of organizations which are practically independent and self-governing. (b) Includes not only branches of separate State unions and sub-branches in each State of interstate unions, but also head State branches of interstate unions.

## UNEMPLOYMENT IN TRADE UNIONS.

## Unemployment—Australia—Number, Membership of Reporting Unions and Branches, and Number and Percentage Unemployed.(a)

Period.	Unions.	Membership.	UNEMPLOYED.	
			Number.	Percentage. (b)
1938 Year .. .. .. ..	390	466,325	40,138	8.7
1942 .. .. .. ..	394	613,534	9,754	1.6
1943 .. .. .. ..	390	678,713	7,545	1.1
1944 .. .. .. ..	389	681,689	8,073	1.2
1945 .. .. .. ..	388	673,750	7,864	1.2
1946 .. .. .. ..	383	672,121	9,125	1.4
1932—June Quarter(c) .. ..	396	413,742	124,068	30.0
1943—March .. .. .. ..	391	665,334	8,021	1.2
June .. .. .. ..	390	680,292	7,423	1.1
September .. .. .. ..	390	682,557	7,356	1.1
December .. .. .. ..	390	686,667	7,381	1.1
1944—March .. .. .. ..	390	688,381	6,987	1.0
June .. .. .. ..	389	683,463	9,433	1.4
September .. .. .. ..	389	680,218	7,947	1.2
December .. .. .. ..	389	674,695	7,925	1.2
1945—March .. .. .. ..	388	683,632	7,616	1.1
June .. .. .. ..	388	679,227	7,795	1.1
September .. .. .. ..	387	668,674	7,769	1.2
December .. .. .. ..	387	663,467	8,276	1.2
1946—March .. .. .. ..	385	662,296	9,062	1.4
June .. .. .. ..	385	661,432	8,757	1.3
September .. .. .. ..	381	672,209	9,212	1.4
December .. .. .. ..	381	692,546	9,468	1.4

(a) The quarterly figures show the number of persons who were out of work for three days or more during a specified week in each quarter: they include persons out of work through sickness, but exclude persons out of work through strikes or lockouts, except those outside the industry concerned who are indirectly affected. The annual figures represent the average of the four quarters. (b) A more extended table of percentages will be found on page 92. (c) Peak of unemployment.

NOTE.—The unions covered by the returns represent 56 per cent. of the total membership of unions, and relate to between 20 and 25 per cent. of all wage and salary earners. The value of the percentages of unemployment derived from Trade Union returns is in the indication they give of the trend of unemployment among trade unionists as reported by secretaries of Trade Unions.

## Unemployment(a)—States—Percentage Unemployed.

Period.		N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
1938 Year	..	9.9	8.6	6.4	8.3	5.7	7.9	8.7
1942	..	1.8	1.2	2.3	1.1	1.6	0.8	1.6
1943	..	1.4	0.7	1.2	0.9	1.5	1.3	1.1
1944	..	1.6	0.8	0.7	1.0	1.5	0.8	1.2
1945	..	1.5	0.9	0.7	1.3	1.2	1.0	1.2
1946	..	1.5	1.3	0.9	1.4	1.6	2.0	1.4
1932—June	Quarter (b)	33.2	27.7	19.9	35.2	30.3	27.5	30.0
1941—December	..	3.5	2.1	3.8	1.8	1.8	4.5	2.9
1942—March	..	2.0	1.4	3.2	1.0	1.7	0.7	1.8
June	..	1.9	1.2	2.6	1.3	1.7	0.6	1.7
September	..	1.9	1.2	1.8	1.1	1.8	0.9	1.6
December	..	1.5	0.9	1.6	0.9	1.3	0.8	1.3
1943—March	..	1.4	0.8	1.5	1.0	1.6	1.3	1.2
June	..	1.3	0.6	1.3	1.0	1.5	1.2	1.1
September	..	1.3	0.7	1.1	0.9	1.7	1.2	1.1
December	..	1.4	0.7	0.9	0.8	1.4	1.4	1.1
1944—March	..	1.3	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.5	0.7	1.0
June	..	1.9	0.9	0.7	1.3	1.9	0.7	1.4
September	..	1.6	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.2	0.9	1.2
December	..	1.6	0.9	0.6	0.9	1.2	0.7	1.2
1945—March	..	1.5	0.8	0.5	1.2	1.0	0.7	1.1
June	..	1.5	0.8	0.6	1.5	1.1	0.8	1.1
September	..	1.5	0.8	0.9	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.2
December	..	1.5	1.0	0.8	1.3	1.5	1.6	1.2
1946—March	..	1.5	1.3	0.8	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.4
June	..	1.6	1.1	0.9	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.3
September	..	1.5	1.3	0.8	1.3	1.5	2.3	1.4
December	..	1.5	1.3	1.0	1.1	1.6	2.3	1.4

(a) See notes to table on page 68.

(b) Peak of unemployment.

NOTE.—For some States the returns are a more representative sample than for others. The table above, therefore, should not be read as indicating the relative degree of unemployment among trade unionists in the individual States, but as an indication of trend of unemployment as reported by secretaries of Trade Unions.

## Unemployment(a)—Australia—Percentages in Industrial Groups.

Industrial Group.	1932.		1945.		1946.		
	June Qtr.(b)	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.
Manufacturing—	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
I. Wood, Furniture, &c. ..	39.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.8
II. Engineering, Metal, Works, &c. ..	33.9	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.6
III. Food, Drink, Tobacco, &c. ..	19.3	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.5	2.6	2.9
IV. Clothing, Hats, Boots, &c. ..	22.6	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.5	1.6
V. Books, Printing, &c. ..	16.8	0.3	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.6
VI. Other Manufacturing ..	43.0	2.2	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.4
VII. Building ..	42.1	1.4	2.1	1.8	1.5	1.7	2.1
VIII. Mining, Quarrying, &c. ..	34.2	3.4	3.1	3.0	3.6	3.4	2.7
X. Land Transport other than Railway and Tramway Services ..	29.6	2.6	1.4	1.5	1.5	2.2	1.5
IX., XI., XII., XIII., and XIV. (c) Other and Miscellaneous ..	22.2	0.7	0.7	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.1
All Groups .. ..	30.0	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.4

(a) See notes to table on page 68.  
see page 75.

(b) Peak of unemployment.

(c) For classification

## UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS.

## (i) Average Number of Persons on Benefit at end of each week.(a)

Period.	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT.							
1945-46 Year .. ..	2,647	319	1,556	809	464	44	5,839
1945—September Quarter .. ..	114	82	63	31	42	8	340
December .. ..	6,527	236	232	1,508	106	29	8,628
1946—March .. ..	2,257	441	2,146	1,240	478	52	6,614
June .. ..	1,494	500	3,667	399	1,200	82	7,342
September .. .. (d)	1,535	677	3,164	257	1,335	116	7,084
December .. .. (d)	1,849	3,014	4,017	221	1,771	128	11,000

## SICKNESS BENEFIT.

1945-46 Year .. ..	2,238	1,649	835	612	434	257	6,025
1945—September Quarter .. ..	1,691	1,348	658	406	312	182	4,597
December .. ..	2,342	1,655	828	609	397	277	6,108
1946—March .. ..	2,359	1,667	833	649	450	271	6,229
June .. ..	2,517	1,903	1,007	770	567	291	7,055
September .. .. (d)	2,779	2,122	1,055	824	676	385	7,841
December .. .. (d)	3,218	2,435	1,255	861	760	472	9,001

(a) Revised figures to September, 1946. In addition, an average of 105 persons (Australian total) were in receipt of Special Benefit at the end of each week during 1945-46. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory. (d) Subject to revision.

## (ii) Benefits Paid.(a)

Period.	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT.							

1945-46 Year .. ..	£ 275,205	£ 28,234	£ 108,133	£ 73,226	£ 36,440	£ 3,827	£ 525,070
1945—September Quarter .. ..	£ 1,656	£ 1,423	£ 513	£ 417	£ 617	£ 127	£ 4,753
December .. ..	£ 16,614	£ 3,084	£ 3,581	£ 3,151	£ 1,875	£ 622	£ 28,937
1946—March .. ..	£ 224,380	£ 12,067	£ 39,988	£ 62,551	£ 9,883	£ 1,234	£ 350,103
June .. ..	£ 32,555	£ 11,660	£ 64,056	£ 7,107	£ 24,065	£ 1,834	£ 141,277
September .. ..	£ 35,167	£ 15,310	£ 87,453	£ 7,224	£ 32,465	£ 2,344	£ 179,963
December .. ..	£ 38,900	£ 45,807	£ 67,811	£ 4,394	£ 37,601	£ 2,494	£ 197,007

## SICKNESS BENEFIT.

1945-46 Year .. ..	£ 198,943	£ 139,267	£ 76,306	£ 59,076	£ 34,818	£ 23,450	£ 525,869
1945—September Quarter .. ..	£ 21,208	£ 16,903	£ 6,274	£ 4,757	£ 4,060	£ 2,733	£ 55,955
December .. ..	£ 53,472	£ 36,549	£ 25,546	£ 14,450	£ 8,877	£ 6,585	£ 145,479
1946—March .. ..	£ 66,462	£ 41,363	£ 18,075	£ 15,845	£ 10,508	£ 7,542	£ 159,795
June .. ..	£ 57,801	£ 44,152	£ 26,411	£ 18,024	£ 11,373	£ 6,579	£ 164,640
September .. ..	£ 65,805	£ 41,039	£ 24,274	£ 20,104	£ 14,958	£ 7,882	£ 174,122
December .. ..	£ 61,348	£ 47,206	£ 24,261	£ 18,454	£ 14,568	£ 8,880	£ 174,717

(a) In addition, £4,273 (Australian total) was paid in Special Benefits during 1945-46. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

NOTE.—The *Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Act* 1944, which came into operation on 1st July 1945, provides for the payment of benefit to person whose normal earnings have been interrupted through unemployment or sickness. The rate of benefit per week is 25s. for a married person or an unmarried adult, plus 20s. for a dependent spouse and 5s. for a dependent child. For unmarried juveniles the rate of benefit is 15s. if under 18 years and 20s. if 18 and under 21 years.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVIL EMPLOYMENT—AUSTRALIA.  
(Thousands).

Month.	Total Employment. (a) (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces.)			Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Governmental Authorities. (b)	Private Employers.	Total.	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories. (c)	C'with. Works Projects. (d)	Trans- port and Communi- cation.	Retail Trade.	Other Com- merce and Finance.	Pro- fessi- onal and Per- sonal Ser- vices. (e)
MALES.										
1933—June	262.2	729.9	992.1	36.3	251.7	..	164.5	212.3	112.6	
1939—July	349.8	943.3	1,293.1	52.2	391.5	..	193.6	259.7	133.6	
1941—July	375.3	988.1	1,363.4	54.4	490.9	..	202.3	102.0	117.1	127.1
1942—June	420.9	888.6	1,309.5	48.0	500.0	48.6	205.6	81.2	98.5	111.6
1943—June	412.5	861.4	1,273.9	45.0	520.7	46.7	205.1	71.4	88.8	106.5
1944—June	404.0	867.5	1,271.5	44.2	518.2	27.0	212.6	71.1	91.3	111.6
1945—Aug.	398.1	889.4	1,287.5	44.6	514.3	15.1	222.1	76.8	95.8	119.8
1946—Jan.	400.0	938.1	1,338.1	44.3	510.7	6.5	230.0	90.4	111.5	130.1
Feb.	408.6	973.6	1,382.2	46.1	531.0	6.4	235.7	93.0	115.4	133.3
Mar.	416.1	997.0	1,413.1	46.7	540.5	6.9	239.2	95.7	119.6	136.7
Apr.	421.6	1,005.8	1,427.4	46.2	542.5	6.6	241.5	98.5	121.3	139.6
May	428.0	1,026.0	1,454.0	47.7	550.2	6.5	242.5	101.0	126.2	142.3
June	433.7	1,039.4	1,473.1	48.2	557.1	6.6	246.6	102.8	128.7	143.3
July	436.0	1,058.0	1,494.0	48.2	567.4	6.5	248.2	105.7	130.8	145.4
Aug.	439.0	1,075.2	1,514.2	48.7	575.1	6.3	249.5	106.8	133.0	148.2
Sept.	442.5	1,088.6	1,531.1	49.1	579.1	6.5	252.8	108.2	136.0	150.2
Oct.	445.2	1,095.7	1,540.9	49.3	580.4	6.4	253.4	109.6	137.7	151.4
Nov.	448.5	1,091.9	1,540.4	49.9	567.3	6.4	255.4	112.4	139.3	152.6
FEMALES.										
1933—June	46.5	294.3	340.8	0.2	103.1	..	11.0	87.3	130.7	
1939—July	55.2	381.9	437.1	0.3	148.2	..	12.6	114.9	129.0	
1941—July	70.8	477.7	548.5	0.5	187.8	..	21.1	102.3	44.1	148.1
1942—June	100.8	494.0	594.8	0.6	206.0	..	25.6	104.1	51.6	152.3
1943—June	129.2	502.1	631.3	0.5	228.6	..	34.5	98.2	52.5	157.2
1944—June	129.9	503.9	633.8	0.6	217.4	..	37.2	95.8	52.3	166.5
1945—Aug.	118.9	513.5	632.4	0.6	204.7	..	38.5	99.9	53.6	176.0
1946—Jan.	99.1	504.5	603.6	0.7	184.8	..	37.1	101.6	52.4	176.2
Feb.	97.8	511.0	608.8	0.6	189.0	..	36.3	102.2	52.0	178.9
Mar.	96.2	517.0	613.2	0.6	192.0	..	35.6	102.7	52.0	181.3
Apr.	95.1	514.9	610.0	0.7	189.9	..	35.0	102.3	51.6	181.7
May	94.2	517.9	612.1	0.7	191.0	..	34.8	103.0	51.6	182.8
June	93.1	518.3	611.4	0.7	192.5	..	34.5	102.9	51.3	182.6
July	92.0	520.6	612.6	0.7	194.2	..	33.9	103.0	51.6	182.9
Aug.	90.9	523.8	614.7	0.7	194.9	..	33.7	103.1	52.1	184.1
Sept.	89.9	526.8	616.7	0.7	195.4	..	33.5	103.7	52.3	185.7
Oct.	89.4	531.0	620.4	0.6	196.5	..	33.3	104.8	52.6	187.2
Nov.	88.8	537.3	626.1	0.7	196.7	..	33.4	109.1	52.7	188.3
PERSONS.										
1933—June	308.7	1,024.2	1,332.9	36.5	354.8	..	175.5	299.6	243.3	
1939—July	405.0	1,325.2	1,730.2	52.5	539.7	..	206.2	374.6	262.6	
1941—July	446.1	1,465.8	1,911.9	54.9	678.7	..	223.4	204.3	161.2	275.2
1942—June	521.7	1,382.6	1,904.3	48.6	715.0	48.6	231.2	185.3	150.1	263.9
1943—June	541.7	1,363.5	1,905.2	45.5	749.3	46.7	239.6	169.6	141.3	263.7
1944—June	533.9	1,371.4	1,905.3	44.8	735.6	27.0	249.8	166.9	143.6	278.1
1945—Aug.	517.0	1,402.9	1,919.9	45.2	719.0	15.1	260.6	176.7	144.9	295.8
1946—Jan.	499.1	1,442.6	1,941.7	45.0	695.5	6.5	267.1	192.0	163.9	306.3
Feb.	506.4	1,484.6	1,991.0	46.7	720.0	6.4	272.0	195.2	167.4	312.2
Mar.	512.3	1,514.0	2,026.3	47.3	732.5	6.9	274.8	198.4	171.6	318.0
Apr.	516.7	1,520.7	2,037.4	46.9	732.4	6.6	276.5	200.8	172.9	321.3
May	522.2	1,543.9	2,066.1	48.4	741.2	6.5	278.3	204.0	177.8	325.1
June	526.8	1,557.7	2,084.5	48.9	749.6	6.6	281.1	205.7	180.0	325.9
July	528.0	1,578.6	2,106.6	48.9	761.6	6.5	282.1	208.7	182.4	328.3
Aug.	529.9	1,599.0	2,128.9	49.4	770.0	6.3	283.2	209.9	185.7	332.3
Sept.	532.4	1,615.4	2,147.8	49.8	774.5	6.5	286.3	211.9	188.3	335.9
Oct.	534.6	1,626.7	2,161.3	49.0	776.9	6.4	286.7	214.4	190.3	338.6
Nov.	537.3	1,629.2	2,166.5	50.6	764.0	6.4	288.8	221.5	192.0	340.9

(a) Employees in the defence forces at home or abroad, and Government "relief" workers are excluded. From July, 1941, estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment.

(b) Includes employees of Australian Government authorities (Commonwealth, State and Local) and of Allied Governments.

(c) From July, 1945, monthly figures are estimates, subject to revision.

(d) Department of Works and Housing, formerly Allied Works Council.

(e) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services (except female private domestic).

## EMPLOYMENT IN FACTORIES.

(Number of Employees in Thousands. Excludes Working Proprietors.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Vic-toria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tas-mania.	Australia.				Index av. 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.
							Governmental (Munitions, Aircraft and Ship.). (a)	Other Factories (including War Contractors). (b)	Total Factories.	Unadjusted.	
										Adjusted. (c)	
1928-29(d)	174.1	149.3	43.4	35.4	19.8	10.0	7.1	424.9	432.0	822	889
1937-38(d)	215.6	193.6	49.6	42.6	22.0	12.5	7.4	528.5	535.9	1,019	1,019
1938-39(d)	219.5	193.9	51.5	42.0	22.1	13.2	10.1	532.1	542.2	1,031	1,022
1939-40(d)	227.1	204.4	53.0	43.5	21.9	14.0	16.9	547.0	563.9	1,073	1,053
1940-41(d)	257.0	229.7	54.8	49.5	21.8	15.1	41.5	586.4	627.9	1,194	1,159
1941-42(d)	289.3	250.5	59.5	63.8	23.0	16.7	79.8	623.0	702.8	1,337	1,286
1942-43(d)	306.4	255.6	62.2	71.5	25.1	18.0	121.8	617.0	738.8	1,405	1,339
1943-44(d)	313.8	253.9	62.5	67.9	27.2	19.2	116.0	628.5	744.5	1,416	1,338
1944-45(d)	304.8	249.6	61.8	64.0	28.1	18.9	89.1	638.1	727.2	1,383	1,293
1945-46(d)	296.0	246.8	61.4	60.3	29.1	17.7	42.7	669.0	711.7	1,354	1,254
1945-46(e)											
September	202.0	240.0	63.2	58.9	28.0	17.2	58.4	640.9	699.3	1,330	1,235
December	265.9	237.7	58.4	53.8	28.4	16.8	40.8	620.2	661.0	1,257	1,164
March	307.4	252.2	62.9	62.0	29.9	18.1	29.2	703.3	732.5	1,393	1,287
April	308.5	253.7	58.9	62.6	30.2	18.5	27.7	704.7	732.4	1,393	1,286
May	313.8	255.4	59.3	63.4	30.6	18.7	27.0	714.2	741.2	1,410	1,301
June	315.8	259.2	60.9	64.0	30.9	18.8	26.4	723.2	749.6	1,426	1,314
1945-47(e)											
July	318.3	261.9	68.4	65.0	31.3	18.7	(g)	(g)	761.6	1,449	1,335
August	321.3	264.1	69.2	65.4	31.5	18.5	..	..	770.0	1,344	1,348
September	323.4	265.5	70.1	65.8	31.7	18.0	..	..	774.5	1,473	1,355
October	325.8	265.6	69.7	65.8	32.3	17.7	..	..	776.9	1,478	1,358
November	326.7	255.1	66.8	65.6	32.1	17.7	..	..	764.0	1,453	1,334

(a) Includes Government munitions and aircraft establishments and naval dockyards, also major aircraft and shipbuilding contractors, but excludes other private factories, of which large numbers undertook war contracts.

(b) Includes railway and tramway workshops, electricity and other Governmental institutions not included in previous column. (c) Divided by Index of Total Population. (d) Average of monthly figures.

(e) From July, 1945, monthly figures are estimates, subject to revision. (f) From January to June, 1946, shipbuilding contractors are included in other factories. (g) Series discontinued as from July, 1946.

## RETAIL STORES—EMPLOYMENT INDEX.

Compiled from numbers of employees on the last pay-roll of each month shown on pay-roll tax returns of taxable employers whose principal activity was retail trade.

Month.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia (Six States).
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## MALES—INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT.

1941—July	..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1943—June	..	700	700	701	729	694	756
1944—June	..	694	695	697	744	695	704
1945—August	..	734	758	762	803	788	788
1946—June	..	978	1,011	1,030	1,071	1,125	1,080
September	..	1,034	1,062	1,069	1,127	1,187	1,147
October	..	1,055	1,065	1,089	1,147	1,194	1,147
November	..	1,085	1,093	1,105	1,189	1,209	1,143

## FEMALES—INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT.

1941—July	..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1943—June	..	951	937	919	959	974	988
1944—June	..	911	909	1,022	977	961	994
1945—August	..	965	922	1,055	1,042	1,003	1,060
1946—June	..	997	948	1,069	1,070	1,054	1,095
September	..	1,003	958	1,087	1,080	1,048	1,082
October	..	1,010	975	1,105	1,089	1,050	1,088
November	..	1,050	1,023	1,158	1,135	1,067	1,119

## PERSONS—INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT.

1941—July	..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1943—June	..	826	814	842	843	825	860
1944—June	..	802	798	841	860	829	877
1945—August	..	849	837	892	922	897	953
1946—June	..	988	979	1,048	1,071	1,087	1,088
September	..	1,019	1,009	1,077	1,103	1,114	1,115
October	..	1,032	1,019	1,096	1,117	1,118	1,118
November	..	1,068	1,057	1,129	1,161	1,133	1,131

## INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES.—NUMBER AND MAGNITUDE OF INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK).

Period	Number	Establishments Involved	Workpeople Involved			Working Days Lost			Estimated Loss in Wages. £
			Directly	Indirectly	Total	New Disputes	Old Disputes	Total	

## NEW SOUTH WALES.

Year—1945	..	845	1,201	246,286	15,473	261,759	1,296,407	496,450	1,792,857	2,241,180
1945—Sept. Qtr.	256	394	76,406	1,237	77,643	285,365	3,740	289,105	378,505	
Dec.	169	253	62,305	1,776	64,081	643,563	482,709	1,126,272	1,375,441	
1946—March	176	186	37,385	3,000	40,385	133,499	17,688	151,187	194,044	
June	182	363	48,841	1,623	50,464	165,667	15,528	181,195	225,804	
Sept.	217	238	53,795	1,853	55,648	146,158	..	146,158	205,985	

## VICTORIA.

Year—1945	..	34	34	20,162	65	29,227	48,324	2,884	51,208	49,628
1945—Sept. Qtr.	6	6	24,185	..	24,185	24,935	2,596	27,531	27,317	
Dec.	7	7	3,319	..	3,319	8,746	..	8,746	9,187	
1946—March	7	8	867	7	874	4,906	1,705	6,011	6,322	
June	6	175	5,916	76	5,992	61,870	..	61,870	65,535	
Sept.	8	10	899	542	1,441	3,558	..	3,558	4,125	

## QUEENSLAND.

Year—1945	..	27	363	15,644	99	15,743	200,761	7,242	208,003	206,483
1945—Sept. Qtr.	9	263	6,618	..	6,618	89,386	6,072	95,458	101,141	
Dec.	1	1	1,500	..	1,500	1,500	..	1,500	1,600	
1946—March	7	9	1,130	20	1,150	9,750	..	9,750	10,840	
June	6	59	16,889	..	16,889	530,793	..	530,793	591,977	
Sept.	3	3	1,204	..	1,204	3,783	58,915	62,698	76,788	

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Year—1945	..	13	14	3,819	16	3,835	28,614	300	28,914	27,768
1945—Sept. Qtr.	2	2	182	..	182	257	..	257	216	
Dec.	2	2	1,984	..	1,984	21,112	..	21,112	20,200	
1946—March	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
June	1	1	125	..	125	125	..	125	130	
Sept.	6	6	461	1,286	1,747	3,297	..	3,297	4,040	

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Year—1945	..	16	25	3,158	644	3,802	23,371	9,120	32,491	35,239
1945—Sept. Qtr.	4	5	1,333	..	1,333	5,579	..	5,579	7,299	
Dec.	4	5	1,097	..	1,097	2,290	..	2,290	2,466	
1946—March	2	2	345	..	345	639	..	639	688	
June	1	1	55	..	55	55	..	55	44	
Sept.	4	6	412	..	412	2,807	..	2,807	3,729	

## TASMANIA.

Year—1945	..	10	11	1,572	..	1,572	6,168	..	6,168	7,146
1945—Sept. Qtr.	3	4	971	..	971	4,804	..	4,804	5,530	
Dec.	3	3	202	..	202	546	..	546	630	
1946—March	2	2	51	..	51	917	..	917	680	
June	2	3	306	..	306	3,060	..	3,060	3,400	
Sept.	1	1	22	..	22	22	..	22	35	

## AUSTRALIA.

Year—1945	..	945	1,648	299,641	16,297	315,938	1,603,645	515,996	2,119,641	2,567,444
1945—Sept. Qtr.	280	674	109,695	1,237	110,932	410,326	12,403	422,734	520,008	
Dec.	186	271	70,407	1,776	72,183	677,757	482,709	1,160,466	1,409,524	
1946—March (a),	195	208	40,208	3,027	43,235	151,571	19,393	170,964	215,534	
June (b),	200	611	72,238	1,699	73,93	761,707	15,528	777,235	887,076	
Sept. (c),	240	265	56,810	3,681	60,491	159,642	58,915	218,557	294,702	

(a) Includes one dispute in Northern Territory—workpeople involved, 430; working days lost, 1,860; estimated loss in wages, £2,960. (b) Includes one dispute in Australian Capital Territory—workpeople involved, 10; working days lost, 40; estimated loss in wages, £46; and one dispute in Northern Territory—workpeople involved, 97; working days lost, 97; estimated loss in wages, £140. (c) Includes one dispute in Australian Capital Territory—workpeople involved, 17; working days lost, 17; loss in wages, nil.

## AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS IN CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.

(Estimates—Subject to Revision.)

Wages which are recorded on Pay-roll Tax Returns represent approximately 80 per cent. of the total for Australia; the balance has been estimated.

Period.	New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia and Northern Territory.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID.							
Year—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1941-42	..	4,248	3,032	1,270	883	605	268
1942-43	..	4,608	3,195	1,488	940	583	279
1943-44—							
September	Qtr.	4,649	3,228	1,592	948	600	294
December	"	4,947	3,359	1,677	979	622	304
March	"	4,584	3,131	1,559	935	593	306
June	"	4,726	3,222	1,589	972	614	313
Year		4,727	3,235	1,605	958	607	304
1944-45—							
September	Qtr.	4,590	3,135	1,549	962	599	312
December	"	4,766	3,260	1,553	964	629	306
March	"	4,551	3,073	1,414	913	619	303
June	"	4,783	3,223	1,540	911	632	321
Year		4,672	3,173	1,514	937	620	311
1945-46—							
September	Qtr.	4,735	3,183	1,514	932	643	325
December	"	4,808	3,320	1,555	896	654	322
March	"	4,767	3,248	1,438	911	667	332
June	"	5,313	3,638	1,580	1,013	733	367
Year		4,906	3,347	1,522	938	674	336
1946-47—							
September	Qtr.	5,432	3,711	1,665	1,062	766	375
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER MALE UNIT.(a)							
Year—	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1941-42	..	5.83	5.78	5.22	5.25	5.47	4.79
1942-43	..	6.54	6.57	6.19	5.89	5.84	5.23
1943-44—							
September	Qtr.	6.58	6.80	6.59	6.09	6.09	5.60
December	"	7.11	7.10	6.86	6.25	6.30	5.70
March	"	6.59	6.56	6.43	5.95	6.04	5.66
June	"	6.82	6.79	6.71	6.09	6.24	5.70
Year		6.80	6.81	6.65	6.10	6.17	5.66
1944-45—							
September	Qtr.	6.62	6.60	6.61	5.99	6.08	5.66
December	"	6.84	6.84	6.72	6.05	6.30	5.59
March	"	6.50	6.42	6.07	5.78	6.15	5.41
June	"	6.81	6.75	6.51	5.82	6.25	5.66
Year		6.69	6.66	6.48	5.91	6.20	5.58
1945-46—							
September	Qtr.	6.72	6.67	6.36	5.99	6.32	5.73
December	"	6.91	6.91	6.43	5.92	6.29	5.66
March	"	6.38	6.41	5.66	5.74	6.03	5.46
June	"	6.76	6.85	5.96	6.03	6.25	5.71
Year		6.69	6.71	6.09	5.92	6.22	5.64
1946-47—							
September	Qtr.	6.70	6.77	5.96	6.07	6.34	5.70
							6.51

(a) Total civil employment expressed in male units is derived by adding to total male employment 45 per cent. of total female employment.

NOTE.—The above figures are approximations subject to revision when data are sufficient for the final estimate of annual amounts paid and average quarterly earnings

**WAGES.—ADULT MALES—AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY AND HOURLY RATES PAYABLE AND WEEKLY HOURS OF LABOUR, 30th SEPTEMBER, 1946.**

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (a)
I. Wood, Furniture, &c.	Weekly Wage	126/10	121/6	122/2	117/1	121/9	118/1	123/10
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	2/10½	2/9½	2/9½	2/8	2/9½	2/8½	2/9½
II. Engineering, Metal Works, &c.	Weekly Wage	124/0	121/4	120/5	118/3	127/1	122/9	122/3
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.11	44.00	44.00	44.01
	Hourly Wage	2/9½	2/9	2/8½	2/8½	2/10½	2/9½	2/9½
III. Food, Drink, &c.	Weekly Wage	121/9	120/0	118/1	120/3	120/4	114/2	120/2
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	43.44	44.00	44.00	44.00	43.91
	Hourly Wage	2/9½	2/8½	2/8½	2/8½	2/8½	2/7½	2/8½
IV. Clothing, Boots, &c.	Weekly Wage	118/4	119/0	124/6	124/6	121/11	115/8	120/0
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	2/8½	2/8½	2/10	2/10	2/9½	2/7½	2/8½
V. Books, Printing, &c.	Weekly Wage	146/7	137/2	128/0	129/1	146/11	130/6	139/4
	Working Hours	42.49	41.91	42.28	43.56	42.76	43.35	42.39
	Hourly Wage	3/5½	3/3½	3/0½	2/11½	3/5½	3/0	3/3½
VI. Other Manufacturing	Weekly Wage	122/1	120/2	119/9	120/9	121/9	122/2	121/1
	Working Hours	43.97	43.90	43.78	43.71	43.03	43.75	43.86
	Hourly Wage	2/9½	2/8½	2/8½	2/9½	2/9½	2/9½	2/9
VII. Building ..	Weekly Wage	135/0	145/11	126/5	122/5	128/1	129/4	135/3
	Working Hours	43.60	44.00	40.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	43.42
	Hourly Wage	3/1½	3/3½	3/2	2/9½	2/11	2/10	3/1½
VIII. Mining (c) ..	Weekly Wage	129/4	123/0	129/7	107/11	139/8	117/3	128/6
	Working Hours	40.70	40.47	40.93	40.89	40.50	41.33	40.70
	Hourly Wage	3/2½	3/0½	3/2	2/7½	3/5½	2/10	3/2
IX. Rail and Tram Services	Weekly Wage	126/1	125/6	123/9	117/1	122/9	115/9	124/2
	Working Hours	43.80	43.74	44.00	44.00	43.75	44.00	43.83
	Hourly Wage	2/10½	2/10½	2/9½	2/8	2/9½	2/7½	2/10
X. Other Land Transport	Weekly Wage	118/8	112/2	111/6	109/0	118/6	107/8	114/7
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	2/8½	2/6½	2/6½	2/5½	2/8½	2/5½	2/7½
XI. Shipping, &c. ..	Weekly Wage d	124/9	125/5	122/0	123/5	123/11	123/6	124/3
	Working Hours	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Hourly Wage	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, &c.	Weekly Wage e	121/11	120/3	125/11	121/5	123/4	124/5	122/5
	Working Hours	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Hourly Wage	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, &c.	Weekly Wage e	113/4	113/4	106/8	107/2	108/3	103/0	111/3
	Working Hours	44.00	44.33	44.00	44.00	44.80	44.00	44.17
	Hourly Wage e	2/7	2/6½	2/5	2/5½	2/5	2/4	2/6½
XIV. Miscellaneous ..	Weekly Wage	117/9	116/10	112/2	111/2	116/3	111/4	115/10
	Working Hours	44.00	44.67	44.00	44.65	44.00	43.77	44.26
	Hourly Wage	2/8	2/7½	2/6½	2/5½	2/7½	2/6½	2/7½
All Groups (a) ..	Weekly Wage	123/3	121/9	120/11	117/2	124/7	118/5	121/10
All Groups except XI and XII. (a) ..	Weekly Wage	123/6	122/0	119/0	115/6	124/11	115/8	121/7
	Working Hours	43.50	43.91	43.18	44.07	43.15	43.38	43.59
	Hourly Wage	2/10	2/9½	2/9	2/7½	2/10½	2/8	2/9½

(a) Weighted average. (b) Excludes District allowances in the gold-mining industry.  
 (c) Average rates of wage and hours prevailing at the principal mining centres in each State.  
 (d) Average rates of wage are for occupations other than Masters, Officers and Engineers in the Merchant Marine Service, and include value of victualling and accommodation, where supplied. (e) Includes the estimated value of board and lodging, where supplied.

**WAGES.—ADULT FEMALES—AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY AND HOURLY RATES PAYABLE AND WEEKLY HOURS OF LABOUR, 30th SEPTEMBER, 1946.**

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (a)
III. Food, Drink, &c.	Weekly Wage	62/4	67/4	60/9	66/9	55/1	65/3	64/8
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	1/5	1/4½	1/4½	1/4½	1/3	1/5½	1/5½
IV. Clothing, Boots, &c.	Weekly Wage	72/5	73/9	75/10	75/10	65/0	72/2	73/4
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	1/7½	1/8	1/8½	1/8½	1/5½	1/7½	1/8
I., II., V., & VI. All other Manufacturing	Weekly Wage	70/8	75/6	65/1	69/0	..	61/9	72/5
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	43.77	..	44.00	43.99
	Hourly Wage	1/7½	1/8½	1/5½	1/7	..	1/4½	1/7½
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, &c.	Weekly Wage b	65/10	72/1	69/7	68/2	69/9	63/11	68/8
	Working Hours	43.38	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	43.78
	Hourly Wage b	1/6½	1/7½	1/7	1/6½	1/7	1/5½	1/6½
XIV. Shop Assistants, Clerks, &c...	Weekly Wage	77/6	80/3	82/10	64/6	..	..	77/10
	Working Hours	44.00	45.00	44.00	44.00	..	..	44.36
	Hourly Wage	1/9½	1/9½	1/10½	1/5½	..	..	1/9
All Groups (a)	Weekly Wage	71/9	74/7	74/10	70/9	67/2	69/0	72/11
	Working Hours	43.88	44.19	44.00	43.99	44.00	44.00	44.03
	Hourly Wage	1/7½	1/8½	1/8½	1/7½	1/6½	1/6½	1/7½

(a) Weighted average. (b) Includes the estimated value of board and lodging where supplied.

**WAGES.—WEIGHTED AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY RATES PAYABLE FOR A FULL WEEK'S WORK, AND WAGE INDEX-NUMBERS, 1914 to 30th SEPTEMBER, 1946.**

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
ADULT FEMALES—RATES OF WAGE.							
31st December, 1914	..	..	..	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
" 1938	..	..	..	56 2	54 7	53 5	54 5
" 1942	..	..	..	95 0	91 2	95 10	87 1
" 1943	..	..	..	118 3	116 7	110 2	112 3
" 1944	..	..	..	121 3	119 7	116 10	113 9
" 1945	..	..	..	121 4	119 6	118 0	113 7
31st March, 1946	..	..	..	121 10	120 4	119 10	114 5
30th June, 1946	..	..	..	122 0	120 11	119 10	114 10
30th September, 1946	..	..	..	122 4	121 0	120 0	114 11
ADULT FEMALES—INDEX-NUMBERS.—(BASE—51s. 3d. (a) IN 1911 = 1,000.)							
31st December, 1914	..	..	..	1,096	1,065	1,042	1,062
" 1938	..	..	..	1,854	1,780	1,870	1,700
" 1942	..	..	..	2,308	2,275	2,150	2,189
" 1943	..	..	..	2,366	2,333	2,279	2,219
" 1944	..	..	..	2,367	2,332	2,303	2,216
" 1945	..	..	..	2,377	2,347	2,339	2,233
31st March, 1946	..	..	..	2,380	2,359	2,359	2,240
30th June, 1946	..	..	..	2,387	2,362	2,341	2,243
30th September, 1946	..	..	..	2,404	2,376	2,359	2,287
ADULT FEMALES—RATES OF WAGE.							
31st December, 1914	..	..	..	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
" 1938	..	..	..	26 10	27 9	27 1	24 1
" 1942	..	..	..	63 10	61 11	66 4	60 3
" 1943	..	..	..	67 11	70 2	69 9	61 3
" 1944	..	..	..	71 3	73 11	74 1	65 4
" 1945	..	..	..	71 3	73 11	74 1	66 1
31st March, 1946	..	..	..	71 3	74 0	74 1	66 1
30th June, 1946	..	..	..	71 5	74 3	74 3	66 6
30th September, 1946	..	..	..	71 9	74 7	74 10	70 9
ADULT FEMALES—INDEX-NUMBERS.—(BASE—27s. 2d. (a) IN APRIL, 1914 = 1,000.)							
31st December, 1914	..	..	..	987	1,022	996	885
" 1938	..	..	..	1,907	1,862	1,969	1,758
" 1942	..	..	..	2,350	2,301	2,442	2,216
" 1943	..	..	..	2,501	2,582	2,568	2,253
" 1944	..	..	..	2,622	2,722	2,726	2,406
" 1945	..	..	..	2,623	2,722	2,726	2,431
31st March, 1946	..	..	..	2,623	2,724	2,726	2,428
30th June, 1946	..	..	..	2,628	2,732	2,734	2,446
30th September, 1946	..	..	..	2,640	2,745	2,755	2,605

(a) Weighted average for Australia.

## BASIC WEEKLY WAGE RATES BY STATE INDUSTRIAL TRIBUNALS.

State.	Basic Wage.		Date of Operation.	Family Unit (for Male Rate).
	Males.	Females.		
New South Wales ..	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	1.2.47	(b)
(a) 5 8 0	(a) 2 18 6			
Victoria(c) ..	(5 7 0)	(2 18 0)	(1.2.47)	(c)
Queensland ..	(d) 5 7 0	3 2 6	28.1.47	Man, wife and three children
South Australia ..	5 2 0	2 17 0	7 1 47	" " "
Western Australia(e) ..	5 7 1	2 17 10	1.3.47	Man, wife and two children
Tasmania (c) ..	(5 4 0)	(2 16 0)	(1.2.47)	(c)

(a) Sydney, Newcastle, Port Kembla-Wollongong; Broken Hill—Males, £5 12s.; Females, £3 0s. 6d; Elsewhere—Males, £5 5s.; Females, £2 16s. 6d. (b) Commonwealth Basic Wage operative—no defined family unit. (c) None declared, but rates shown are those of Commonwealth Court which are followed to a large extent. No defined family unit. (d) South-Eastern Division. Allowances are added for other Divisions:—Northern, 10s.; North-Western, 17s. 4d.; Mackay, 5s. 6d.; South-Western 7s. 4d. Half of these allowances are granted to females. (e) Metropolitan Area. Basic wage from 1.3.47 for Gold-fields Areas and other portions of State excluding the S.W. Land Division—Males, £5 15s. 4d.; Females, £3 2s. 3d.; and for Agricultural Areas and S.W. Land Division—Males, £5 6s. 6d.; Females, £2 17s. 6d.

## BASIC WEEKLY WAGE RATES FIXED BY COMMONWEALTH COURT OF CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION FOR EACH CAPITAL CITY.(a)

Capital.	1st September, 1939.	1st February, 1946.	1st May, 1946.	1st August, 1946.	1st November, 1946.	1st February, 1947.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Sydney ..	81 0	99 0	99 0	100 0	101 0	108 0
Melbourne ..	81 0	98 0	98 0	99 0	99 0	107 0
Brisbane ..	76 0	93 0	94 0	94 0	94 0	103 0
Adelaide ..	78 0	94 0	94 0	95 0	95 0	102 0
Perth ..	77 0	94 0	94 0	95 0	95 0	103 0
Hobart ..	77 0	95 0	95 0	96 0	97 0	104 0
Six Capitals ..	79 0	96 0	97 0	98 0	98 0	106 0

NOTE.—Female rate generally 54 per cent. of male rate.

(a) Includes "prosperity loadings" granted from 1st July, 1937. No defined family unit.

## AWARDS OF INDUSTRIAL COURTS AND WAGES BOARD DETERMINATIONS MADE AND INDUSTRIAL AGREEMENTS FILED.

State.	1938.		1942.		1943.		1944.		1945.	
	Awards or Determinations made.	Agreements filed.								
New South Wales ..	64	38	72	23	24	11	36	10	39	19
Victoria ..	99	..	202	..	129	..	110	..	69	..
Queensland ..	38	38	27	29	17	35	14	29	58	33
South Australia ..	6	4	160	12	44	7	31	3	48	6
Western Australia ..	28	31	19	19	6	12	9	9	9	11
Tasmania ..	26	..	19	..	20	..	16	..	6	..
Commonwealth Public Service Arbitrator ..	31	13	52	20	43	17	45	13	29	23
Total .. ..	295	124	555	103	286	82	265	64	265	92

**Section VII.—Retail Price Index-Numbers—Cost of Food, Groceries, Housing, etc.(a)**

Note.—The index-numbers on this and the next four pages are related to the period 1923-27. The weighted average prices for these five years for the Six Capitals are made equal to 1,000. In the combined tables the rent of 4 and 5 roomed houses only is taken into account.

The "B" Series represents the Food and Housing portion of the "All Items" ("C" Series) Index published on page 81.

**RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.—CAPITAL CITIES.**

(“B” Series.)

(*Base in each Section : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.*)

NOTE.—The index-numbers given in the separate parts of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show the relative cost of housing, and food and groceries, since the cost in 1923-27 in each group or combination is made equal to 1,000.

CITY.	1938.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1945.				1946.			
							Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.			

**GROUPS I., II., AND III. COMBINED—FOOD AND GROCERIES.**

Sydney	..	904	1,040	1,042	1,025	1,035	1,039	1,029	1,035	1,042	1,032	1,047
Melbourne	..	884	1,042	1,055	1,049	1,057	1,052	1,055	1,059	1,062	1,042	1,044
Brisbane	..	838	972	975	965	966	981	963	975	982	969	996
Adelaide	..	861	1,012	1,003	993	1,002	1,006	1,001	1,008	1,017	1,003	996
Perth	..	899	1,029	1,059	1,056	1,060	1,059	1,051	1,061	1,067	1,057	1,052
Hobart	..	880	1,047	1,062	1,035	1,043	1,069	1,062	1,057	1,065	1,069	1,084
Six Capitals (b)	..	886	1,031	1,037	1,026	1,034	1,036	1,030	1,036	1,042	1,029	1,037

**GROUP IV.—HOUSING (c)—4 AND 5 ROOMS.**

Sydney	..	1,004	1,043	1,042	1,043	1,043	1,043	1,043	1,043	1,043	1,043	1,043
Melbourne	..	935	975	974	974	973	973	973	973	973	973	973
Brisbane	..	841	862	862	863	863	863	863	863	863	863	863
Adelaide	..	868	893	893	892	892	894	892	892	893	894	895
Perth	..	872	885	885	886	886	886	886	886	886	886	886
Hobart	..	913	933	931	932	933	936	934	936	936	936	936
Six Capitals (b)	..	942	976	975	976	975	976	975	976	976	976	976

**ALL GROUPS COMBINED.—FOOD, GROCERIES, AND HOUSING (4 AND 5 ROOMS).**

Sydney	..	941	1,039	1,040	1,030	1,036	1,038	1,032	1,035	1,040	1,034	1,043
Melbourne	..	902	1,014	1,021	1,017	1,022	1,019	1,021	1,023	1,025	1,013	1,014
Brisbane	..	838	927	929	923	924	932	922	929	933	925	942
Adelaide	..	862	963	958	951	957	960	957	960	966	958	955
Perth	..	887	971	989	987	990	989	984	990	994	988	985
Hobart	..	891	1,000	1,009	992	998	1,014	1,010	1,007	1,012	1,014	1,024
Six Capitals (b)	..	906	1,007	1,011	1,004	1,009	1,010	1,007	1,010	1,014	1,006	1,011

(a) See note (a) on page 81.

(b) Weighted Average.

(c) See note (c) on page 82.

RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS—COST OF FOOD, GROCERIES, AND HOUSING  
(4 AND 5 ROOMS). ("B" SERIES).<sup>(a)</sup>

(Base : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000.)

State and Town.	1938.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1945.		1946.			
							Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	
NEW SOUTH WALES—												
Sydney ..	941	1,039	1,040	1,030	1,036	1,038	1,032	1,035	1,040	1,034	1,043	
Newcastle ..	898	1,005	1,000	987	989	990	985	987	991	987	995	
Broken Hill ..	948	1,052	1,044	1,055	1,073	1,073	1,069	1,073	1,080	1,072	1,066	
Goulburn ..	908	1,009	1,007	999	997	996	993	993	995	993	1,002	
Bathurst ..	867	957	953	951	958	966	955	961	967	965	970	
FIVE Towns(b) ..	937	1,036	1,036	1,026	1,032	1,034	1,028	1,031	1,036	1,030	1,039	
VICTORIA—												
Melbourne ..	902	1,014	1,021	1,017	1,022	1,019	1,021	1,023	1,025	1,013	1,014	
Ballarat ..	808	894	908	907	912	917	912	917	922	913	914	
Bendigo ..	817	920	923	923	926	928	925	928	932	927	924	
Geelong ..	872	956	962	958	957	961	957	962	966	956	960	
Warrnambool ..	898	984	993	995	1,008	1,020	1,019	1,021	1,023	1,019	1,017	
FIVE Towns(b) ..	895	1,005	1,012	1,009	1,013	1,011	1,012	1,015	1,017	1,005	1,007	
QUEENSLAND—												
Brisbane ..	838	927	929	923	924	932	922	929	933	925	942	
Toowoomba ..	806	913	927	945	949	955	946	954	952	950	965	
Rockhampton ..	825	901	904	908	917	919	911	916	916	913	930	
Townsville ..	900	974	970	975	979	989	976	986	983	984	1,001	
Bundaberg ..	781	878	888	886	886	897	880	892	896	892	907	
FIVE Towns(b) ..	837	926	928	926	928	936	925	933	935	929	945	
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—												
Adelaide ..	862	963	958	951	957	960	957	960	966	958	955	
Kadina, &c. ..	702	789	784	776	779	790	783	788	792	789	789	
Port Pirie ..	838	943	932	923	931	933	930	932	940	932	929	
Mount Gambier ..	801	879	877	884	895	903	895	901	909	901	900	
Peterborough ..	836	936	926	922	935	936	936	935	941	935	933	
FIVE Towns(b) ..	855	955	950	944	949	952	949	953	958	950	947	
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—												
Perth, &c. ..	887	971	989	987	990	989	984	990	994	988	985	
Kalgoorlie, &c. ..	1,152	1,160	1,122	1,121	1,128	1,136	1,124	1,136	1,140	1,135	1,132	
Northam ..	911	1,005	1,001	999	1,001	1,003	995	1,003	1,009	1,002	999	
Bunbury ..	945	1,011	1,010	1,010	1,015	1,024	1,009	1,024	1,029	1,023	1,020	
Geraldton ..	974	1,048	1,069	1,079	1,072	1,073	1,067	1,073	1,078	1,072	1,069	
FIVE Towns(b) ..	909	988	1,001	1,000	1,002	1,003	997	1,004	1,007	1,002	999	
TASMANIA—												
Hobart ..	891	1,000	1,009	992	998	1,014	1,010	1,007	1,012	1,014	1,024	
Launceston ..	867	948	953	936	943	956	953	951	954	956	961	
Burnie ..	880	973	998	958	954	969	969	963	967	970	976	
Devonport ..	846	928	942	920	924	939	938	933	939	940	945	
Queenstown ..	900	970	1,005	1,004	1,014	1,028	1,026	1,021	1,026	1,031	1,035	
FIVE Towns(b) ..	882	978	988	970	977	992	988	985	990	992	999	
THIRTY Towns(b) ..	902	1,001	1,005	998	1,003	1,005	1,001	1,005	1,008	1,001	1,006	
SIX CAPITALS(b) ..	906	1,007	1,011	1,004	1,009	1,010	1,007	1,010	1,014	1,006	1,011	
Warwick (Q.) (c) ..	732	856	872	886	891	904	893	900	900	899	917	
Port Augusta (S.A.) (c) ..	831	932	914	914	925	929	924	927	933	928	927	
Canberra (A.C.T.) (c) (d)	1,043	1,078	1,073	1,058	1,059	1,062	1,057	1,060	1,061	1,060	1,068	

(a) See footnote (a) on page 81. (b) Weighted Average. (c) Not included in weighted averages above. (d) New series from 1938. To secure comparison with "B" Series index-numbers for Canberra for periods prior to the September quarter, 1938, the new series index-numbers should be multiplied by 1.090.

## RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS—COST OF FOOD AND GROCERIES.

(Base : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

State and Town	1939.	1945.			1946.			Per-cent-age-in-crease-from-Aug., 1939, to-Dec., 1946.	
		Month.			Month.				
	Aug.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	
NEW SOUTH WALES—									
Sydney .. ..	926	1,030	1,029	1,027	1,020	1,029	1,056	1,055	1,047 13.9
Newcastle .. ..	950	1,044	1,042	1,038	1,041	1,040	1,063	1,068	1,057 11.3
Broken Hill .. ..	1,069	1,270	1,272	1,270	1,271	1,265	1,266	1,265	18.3
Goulburn .. ..	991	1,066	1,066	1,065	1,066	1,063	1,087	1,090	1,080 10.0
Bathurst .. ..	939	1,032	1,031	1,030	1,031	1,048	1,057	1,062	1,056 13.1
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	932	1,036	1,035	1,033	1,035	1,034	1,061	1,061	1,052 13.8
Victoria—									
Melbourne .. ..	931	1,059	1,053	1,053	1,055	1,039	1,046	1,048	1,044 12.6
Ballarat .. ..	939	1,046	1,044	1,044	1,045	1,036	1,048	1,050	1,045 11.8
Bendigo .. ..	915	1,045	1,044	1,045	1,045	1,042	1,045	1,046	1,044 14.3
Geelong .. ..	942	1,004	1,005	1,006	1,005	999	1,014	1,014	1,009 7.6
Warrnambool .. ..	952	1,078	1,077	1,076	1,077	1,073	1,074	1,075	1,074 12.9
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	932	1,057	1,051	1,051	1,053	1,038	1,045	1,047	1,043 12.3
QUEENSLAND—									
Brisbane .. ..	855	960	960	969	963	977	1,005	1,006	996 17.7
Toowoomba .. ..	812	1,001	999	1,009	1,003	1,010	1,046	1,047	1,034 28.9
Rockhampton .. ..	893	1,006	1,005	1,007	1,006	1,007	1,043	1,043	1,031 16.8
Townsville .. ..	948	1,041	1,048	1,062	1,050	1,064	1,104	1,106	1,091 16.7
Bundaberg .. ..	906	1,015	1,012	1,021	1,016	1,033	1,064	1,068	1,055 17.9
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	862	973	973	982	976	989	1,019	1,020	1,009 18.3
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—									
Adelaide .. ..	882	1,002	1,003	999	1,001	996	997	996	996 12.9
Kadina, Moonta, Wallaroo .. ..	980	1,040	1,042	1,040	1,041	1,051	1,048	1,046	1,048 6.7
Port Pirie .. ..	1,001	1,076	1,074	1,072	1,074	1,072	1,072	1,073	1,072 7.2
Mount Gambier .. ..	930	1,013	1,013	1,014	1,013	1,020	1,020	1,020	1,020 9.7
Peterborough .. ..	983	1,058	1,056	1,052	1,055	1,050	1,050	1,051	1,050 6.9
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	891	1,007	1,007	1,004	1,006	1,002	1,002	1,001	1,002 12.3
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—									
Perth and Fremantle .. ..	947	1,054	1,050	1,050	1,051	1,053	1,052	1,052	1,052 11.1
Kalgoorlie and Boulder .. ..	1,102	1,185	1,182	1,180	1,182	1,183	1,183	1,184	1,184 7.5
Northam .. ..	981	1,061	1,058	1,058	1,059	1,067	1,066	1,066	1,066 8.7
Bunbury .. ..	975	1,035	1,033	1,032	1,033	1,035	1,050	1,050	1,050 7.7
Geraldton .. ..	958	1,079	1,073	1,073	1,075	1,076	1,076	1,076	1,076 12.3
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	960	1,064	1,059	1,059	1,061	1,063	1,062	1,063	1,063 10.7
TASMANIA—									
Hobart .. ..	914	1,067	1,068	1,052	1,062	1,083	1,083	1,087	1,084 18.9
Launceston .. ..	905	1,019	1,020	1,005	1,015	1,027	1,027	1,026	1,027 13.4
Burnie .. ..	942	1,052	1,053	1,036	1,047	1,058	1,058	1,060	1,059 12.5
Devonport .. ..	930	1,054	1,055	1,038	1,049	1,059	1,050	1,063	1,060 14.3
Queenstown .. ..	1,018	1,177	1,178	1,163	1,173	1,180	1,180	1,183	1,181 16.2
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	917	1,055	1,056	1,040	1,050	1,067	1,067	1,069	1,068 16.6
THIRTY TOWNS (a) ..	922	1,035	1,033	1,032	1,033	1,030	1,046	1,047	1,041 13.6
SIX CAPITALS (a) ..	918	1,032	1,030	1,029	1,030	1,026	1,042	1,043	1,037 13.6
Lithgow (N.) (b) ..	948	1,052	1,048	1,045	1,048	1,053	1,077	1,078	1,069 13.7
Yallourn (V.) (b) ..	901	1,050	1,050	1,050	1,050	1,057	1,066	1,066	1,063 7.6
Warwick (Q.) (b) ..	851	995	994	996	995	1,004	1,004	1,044	1,031 22.9
Port Augusta (S.A.) (b) ..	994	1,063	1,063	1,060	1,062	1,063	1,063	1,063	1,063 6.9
Rosebery (T.) (b) ..	1,028	1,154	1,155	1,138	1,149	1,162	1,162	1,165	1,163 13.3
Canberra (A.C.T.) (b) ..	1,046	1,106	1,106	1,107	1,106	1,107	1,129	1,134	1,123 8.4

(a) Weighted average.

(b) Not included in weighted averages above.

## THE ALL ITEMS INDEX.

("C" Series.)

Retail Price Index-Numbers—Cost of Food, Groceries, Housing (4 and 5 rooms), Clothing and Miscellaneous Household Requirements.(a)

(Base : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

State and Town.	1938.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1945.	1946.			
							Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.
<b>NEW SOUTH WALES—</b>											
Sydney ..	913	1,107	1,151	1,144	1,142	1,165	1,147	1,151	1,165	1,167	1,177
Newcastle ..	877	1,069	1,109	1,094	1,100	1,119	1,106	1,108	1,117	1,119	1,131
Broken Hill ..	940	1,132	1,172	1,179	1,192	1,216	1,198	1,203	1,218	1,218	1,223
Goulburn ..	893	1,087	1,125	1,118	1,114	1,134	1,121	1,123	1,132	1,134	1,145
Bathurst ..	860	1,050	1,091	1,088	1,091	1,116	1,099	1,105	1,116	1,120	1,122
<b>FIVE TOWNS(b)</b> ..	911	1,104	1,147	1,140	1,139	1,162	1,145	1,148	1,161	1,163	1,174
<b>VICTORIA—</b>											
Melbourne ..	896	1,100	1,139	1,135	1,135	1,149	1,137	1,141	1,150	1,149	1,157
Ballarat ..	850	1,037	1,084	1,083	1,086	1,094	1,085	1,089	1,094	1,095	1,096
Bendigo ..	854	1,054	1,096	1,101	1,090	1,107	1,099	1,101	1,105	1,107	1,114
Geelong ..	884	1,065	1,110	1,112	1,113	1,124	1,112	1,117	1,126	1,121	1,132
Warrnambool ..	892	1,078	1,126	1,129	1,130	1,153	1,145	1,146	1,154	1,152	1,159
<b>FIVE TOWNS(b)</b> ..	893	1,095	1,135	1,131	1,131	1,145	1,133	1,137	1,146	1,145	1,153
<b>QUEENSLAND—</b>											
Brisbane ..	852	1,033	1,072	1,071	1,072	1,093	1,074	1,081	1,090	1,092	1,110
Toowoomba ..	843	1,033	1,080	1,085	1,087	1,107	1,088	1,095	1,101	1,106	1,125
Rockhampton ..	853	1,032	1,073	1,074	1,079	1,096	1,080	1,086	1,092	1,093	1,111
Townsville ..	902	1,075	1,114	1,117	1,114	1,136	1,114	1,123	1,129	1,135	1,156
Bundaberg ..	831	1,015	1,057	1,057	1,054	1,074	1,056	1,061	1,070	1,073	1,090
<b>FIVE TOWNS(b)</b> ..	854	1,035	1,075	1,075	1,075	1,097	1,077	1,084	1,093	1,095	1,114
<b>SOUTH AUSTRALIA—</b>											
Adelaide ..	888	1,075	1,102	1,098	1,102	1,120	1,106	1,110	1,121	1,121	1,128
Kadina, &c. ..	786	962	998	995	999	1,020	1,005	1,009	1,017	1,023	1,031
Port Pirie ..	868	1,057	1,087	1,081	1,085	1,106	1,090	1,092	1,110	1,107	1,115
Mount Gambier ..	849	1,024	1,061	1,064	1,070	1,093	1,073	1,079	1,095	1,095	1,103
Peterborough ..	868	1,053	1,087	1,087	1,093	1,108	1,097	1,098	1,109	1,108	1,118
<b>FIVE TOWNS(b)</b> ..	883	1,069	1,097	1,093	1,098	1,116	1,102	1,106	1,116	1,117	1,124
<b>WESTERN AUSTRALIA—</b>											
Perth, &c. ..	882	1,061	1,104	1,105	1,107	1,127	1,107	1,116	1,127	1,128	1,136
Kalgoorlie, &c. ..	1,048	1,175	1,192	1,199	1,202	1,223	1,202	1,215	1,224	1,223	1,231
Northam ..	900	1,079	1,111	1,113	1,113	1,133	1,110	1,121	1,135	1,134	1,141
Bunbury ..	914	1,065	1,102	1,110	1,115	1,136	1,115	1,126	1,136	1,137	1,145
Geraldton ..	957	1,114	1,165	1,176	1,170	1,187	1,168	1,177	1,189	1,188	1,195
<b>FIVE TOWNS(b)</b> ..	897	1,070	1,112	1,113	1,116	1,136	1,115	1,125	1,135	1,137	1,145
<b>TASMANIA—</b>											
Hobart ..	887	1,078	1,117	1,105	1,107	1,138	1,120	1,120	1,132	1,143	1,155
Launceston ..	872	1,040	1,078	1,067	1,072	1,099	1,085	1,085	1,096	1,102	1,114
Burnie ..	865	1,035	1,088	1,065	1,063	1,093	1,080	1,078	1,091	1,098	1,103
Devonport ..	848	1,012	1,058	1,040	1,045	1,079	1,060	1,063	1,077	1,086	1,091
Queenstown ..	875	1,045	1,096	1,102	1,110	1,139	1,118	1,119	1,134	1,151	1,153
<b>FIVE TOWNS(b)</b> ..	879	1,060	1,101	1,089	1,092	1,121	1,105	1,105	1,117	1,126	1,137
<b>THIRTY TOWNS(b)</b> ..											
<b>SIX CAPITALS(b)</b> ..	897	1,091	1,131	1,126	1,126	1,145	1,129	1,134	1,145	1,146	1,156
Warwick (Q.) <sup>(c)</sup> ..	800	1,007	1,055	1,061	1,064	1,087	1,071	1,075	1,080	1,085	1,108
Port Augusta (S.A.) <sup>(c)</sup> ..	863	1,052	1,076	1,076	1,084	1,105	1,087	1,091	1,102	1,107	1,118
Canberra (A.C.T.) <sup>(c)</sup> ..	966	1,121	1,168	1,153	1,149	1,170	1,155	1,160	1,170	1,171	1,178

(a) Owing to the revisions resulting from the 1936 conference of Statisticians, certain slight breaks of continuity appear after the June, 1936, quarter in the group index-numbers for Rent for certain towns. The revision of the whole system has been so arranged, however, that this break does not extend to the group index-numbers for the Six Capital Cities, or to the index-numbers for all groups combined for individual towns. (b) Weighted Average. (c) Not included in weighted averages above.

## RETAIL PRICES AND PRICE INDEXES.

The All Items ("C" Series) Index and its Sectional or "Group" Index-Numbers for the Six Capital Cities combined, 1914 to 1946.

(Base of Each Section: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000.) (a)

Period.	Food and Groceries.	Rent (4 and 5 Rooms). (c)	Food, Groceries and Rent (4 and 5 Rooms) ("B" Series).	Clothing.	Miscellaneous.	All Items ("C" Series).
<b>Year—</b>						
1914 (b) ..	641	649	644	754	749	687
1915 (b) ..	842	659	777	792	786	782
1916 (b) ..	812	665	760	881	802	795
1917 (b) ..	836	685	782	992	882	847
1918 (b) ..	861	722	812	1,097	972	905
1919 (b) ..	1,026	768	934	1,238	1,036	1,022
1920 (b) ..	1,209	851	1,082	1,365	1,194	1,166
1921 (b) ..	950	877	924	1,246	1,010	1,013
1922 (b) ..	945	929	939	1,052	999	975
1923	1,009	950	988	1,045	999	1,003
1924	969	988	975	1,003	1,004	987
1925	998	1,008	1,002	991	992	997
1926	1,023	1,026	1,024	986	998	1,011
1927	1,000	1,030	1,011	975	1,008	1,002
1928	985	1,066	1,014	997	1,010	1,009
1929	1,044	1,073	1,054	996	1,007	1,033
1930	941	1,047	978	951	999	975
1931	826	901	852	853	973	873
1932	796	817	803	804	958	830
1933	751	804	768	787	950	804
1934	783	810	792	785	944	817
1935	806	839	818	783	946	832
1936	825	879	844	792	947	850
1937	851	912	872	811	960	873
1938	886	942	906	829	961	897
1939	927	965	939	841	962	920
1940	939	973	950	956	998	957
1941	947	976	956	1,118	1,060	1,008
1942	1,031	976	1,007	1,308	1,112	1,091
1943	1,037	975	1,011	1,440	1,160	1,131
1944	1,026	976	1,004	1,435	1,165	1,126
1945	1,034	975	1,009	1,425	1,161	1,126
1946	1,036	976	1,010	1,505	1,167	1,145
<b>Quarter—</b>						
1939—September ..	920	967	936	836	961	916
1944—December ..	1,022	975	1,002	1,442	1,163	1,126
1945—March ..	1,028	975	1,005	1,421	1,161	1,123
June ..	1,037	975	1,011	1,416	1,161	1,125
September ..	1,040	975	1,013	1,415	1,161	1,126
December ..	1,030	975	1,007	1,448	1,161	1,129
1946—March ..	1,036	976	1,010	1,456	1,164	1,134
June ..	1,042	976	1,014	1,494	1,167	1,145
September ..	1,029	976	1,006	1,521	1,167	1,146
December ..	1,037	976	1,011	1,550	1,170	1,156

(a) The index-numbers given in the separate columns of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show, for example, the relative cost of housing, and food and groceries, since the cost in each group or combination in 1923-27 is made equal to 1,000. (b) November (c) Rent.—The rent index-numbers shown in the table above and others in this bulletin measure the proportionate rise and fall in the average weekly rentals paid for houses of four and five rooms taking corresponding houses throughout. They are "price" indexes in the strict sense, i.e., they are designed to measure only the "price" element in rent fluctuations. Similarly, "average rents" shown in the ensuing pages are indexes of "price" changes in rentals expressed in terms of pence. They are not the average of rents actually paid by all tenants of 4 and 5-roomed houses. It would be inappropriate to include the average of rents actually paid in an index designed to measure price changes only. The average of rents actually paid is ascertained periodically by Census methods (see also page 2 of Labour Report, No. 34).

NEW SOUTH WALES—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED  
FOR THE YEAR 1946: ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1946.

Article.	Unit.	SYDNEY.			NEWCASTLE.			BROKEN HILL.			GOULBURN.			BATHURST.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread	2 lb.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Flour, ordinary	"	5.84	5.84	5.84	6.00	6.00	6.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	6.25	6.25	6.25	6.00	6.00	6.00
" self-raising	"	5.10	5.10	5.10	5.29	5.29	5.29	5.14	5.14	5.14	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.40	5.40	5.40
Tea	lb.	8.30	8.30	8.30	8.57	8.57	8.57	9.07	9.07	9.07	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.90	8.90	8.90
Sugar	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.90	4.90	4.90	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.25	4.30	4.25
Rice (Australian) (a)	"	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.79	3.79	3.79	4.64	4.64	4.64	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Sago (a) ..	"	6.63	6.63	6.63	7.13	7.13	7.13	8.80	8.80	8.80	7.67	7.67	7.67	7.25	7.25	7.25
Jam, plum	1½ lb.	14.30	14.30	14.30	15.14	15.14	15.14	13.93	13.93	13.93	15.20	15.20	15.20	15.20	15.30	15.20
Golden syrup	2 lb.	6.95	6.95	6.95	8.00	8.00	8.00	9.71	9.71	9.71	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.00	8.00	8.00
Oats, flaked (a)	lb.	3.86	3.88	3.88	4.08	4.08	4.08	5.30	5.20	5.20	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.38	4.38	4.38
Kaisins, seeded	"	12.93	13.17	13.17	13.42	13.43	13.43	13.79	13.79	13.79	13.60	13.60	13.60	13.63	13.63	13.60
Currants	"	10.65	10.65	10.65	11.08	11.08	11.08	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.80	10.80	10.80
Apricots, dried (a)	16.50	16.50	16.50	17.75	17.75	17.75	18.00	18.00	18.00	15.50	15.50	15.50	16.50	16.50	16.50	
Peaches, canned (a)	30 oz.	14.50	14.50	14.50	15.00	15.00	15.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.13	15.13	15.20
Pears, canned (a)	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.43	16.43	16.43	17.21	17.21	17.21	16.75	16.75	16.75	16.50	16.50	16.50	
Salmon, in tins (a)	lb.	22.33	22.33	22.33	22.50	22.50	22.50	20.83	20.83	20.83	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
Potatoes	7 lb.	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.58	8.58	8.58	11.73	11.73	11.73	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.58	8.58	8.68
Onions, brown	lb.	3.58	4.17	4.00	4.08	4.42	4.43	3.79	4.60	4.10	3.20	5.25	5.00	4.50	4.83	4.50
Soap ..	"	6.86	6.86	6.86	7.27	7.35	7.35	8.04	8.00	7.60	7.60	7.43	7.43	7.43	7.43	7.43
Kerosene	quart	5.72	5.71	5.71	6.20	6.13	6.08	7.38	7.34	7.34	6.90	6.68	6.68	6.60	6.53	6.47
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory	lb.	20.05	20.05	20.05	20.50	20.50	20.50	22.64	22.64	22.64	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.80	20.80	20.80
Cheese, mild	"	17.36	17.36	17.50	17.83	17.83	17.83	19.00	19.00	19.00	18.20	18.20	18.20	18.40	18.40	18.40
Eggs, new laid	doz.	22.15	22.15	22.15	22.14	22.21	22.21	22.86	22.86	22.86	21.80	21.80	21.80	21.80	21.80	21.80
Bacon, rashers	lb.	21.95	22.00	22.00	22.14	22.14	22.14	24.07	24.07	24.07	22.30	22.30	22.30	22.50	22.50	22.50
Milk, condensed ..	tin	9.80	9.80	9.80	10.29	10.29	10.29	10.64	10.64	10.64	10.40	10.40	10.40	10.50	10.50	10.50
" fresh	quart	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.00	7.00	7.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.50	7.50	7.50
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin	lb.	12.50	14.05	14.00	12.50	13.64	13.86	16.07	16.07	16.07	12.70	13.80	14.00	12.40	13.10	13.40
" rib	"	8.05	8.55	8.55	8.00	8.57	8.57	14.50	14.50	14.50	9.50	9.63	9.88	8.80	8.80	8.90
" steak, rump	"	21.00	23.00	23.00	21.00	22.29	23.00	23.86	23.86	23.86	20.20	21.60	21.60	19.20	20.00	20.00
" chuck	"	8.55	9.50	9.50	8.50	9.50	9.50	15.57	15.57	15.57	8.90	9.80	9.80	9.10	9.00	9.00
" sausages ..	"	9.10	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.50	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.80
Beef (corned) silver-side	"	10.50	11.50	11.50	10.50	11.43	11.43	16.00	16.00	16.00	10.50	11.20	11.60	10.50	10.60	10.90
Brisket, leg	"	8.05	8.50	8.50	7.93	8.57	8.57	14.00	14.00	14.00	8.60	8.90	8.90	8.70	8.60	8.80
Forequarter	"	8.60	9.45	9.45	8.50	9.43	9.50	10.71	10.71	10.71	8.60	9.40	9.60	9.25	9.50	9.75
Loin	"	5.05	5.55	5.55	5.14	5.57	5.64	8.07	8.07	8.07	5.70	5.90	5.90	5.50	5.75	5.75
Chops, loin	"	11.50	12.00	12.00	11.29	11.57	11.86	13.43	13.43	13.43	10.20	10.60	10.60	10.10	10.50	10.50
Pork, leg	"	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.30	15.25	15.21	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.25	16.50	16.20	15.33	15.25	15.75
Loin	"	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.10	17.08	17.21	15.00	15.00	15.00	17.38	17.38	17.40	15.83	16.25	17.00
Chops	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.63	17.63	18.00	16.83	17.50	18.25
House Rents (b) ..	4 and 5 Rooms	..	281.34	..	..	243.61	..	..	191.54	..	..	222.97	..	..	212.14	..

RETAIL PRICES AND HOUSE RENTS.

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies. (b) Revised Series comparable only with averages published since December Quarter, 1936. See also footnote (c), page 82.

VICTORIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1946; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1946.

Article.	Unit.	MELBOURNE.			BALLARAT.			BENDIGO.			GEELONG.			WARRNAMBOOL.			
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lb.	5.55	5.55	5.55	5.86	5.86	5.86	5.82	5.82	5.82	5.75	5.75	5.75	6.25	6.25	6.25	
Flour, ordinary ..	"	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.86	4.86	4.86	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.60	4.60	4.60	
" self-raising ..	"	7.40	7.40	7.40	8.14	8.21	8.21	8.07	8.07	8.07	7.80	7.80	7.80	8.10	8.10	8.10	
Tea ..	lb.	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	
Sugar ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.28	4.28	4.28	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.25	4.25	4.25	
Rice (Australian)(a) ..	"	3.60	3.60	3.60	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	3.80	3.80	3.80	
Sago (a) ..	"	6.88	6.88	6.88	7.17	7.17	7.17	5.50	5.50	5.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.75	6.75	6.75	
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	11.60	11.60	11.60	11.93	11.93	12.21	12.14	12.14	12.14	11.90	11.90	11.90	12.20	12.20	12.20	
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	7.30	7.30	7.30	7.57	7.57	7.57	7.71	7.71	7.71	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.70	7.70	7.70	
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	3.86	3.86	3.86	4.17	4.21	4.25	4.10	4.00	4.04	3.85	3.85	3.85	4.19	4.19	4.19	
Raisins, seeded ..	"	13.22	13.22	13.22	12.79	12.79	12.79	13.25	13.29	13.29	12.60	12.60	12.60	13.20	13.20	13.20	
Currants ..	"	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.43	10.71	10.71	10.57	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.80	10.80	10.80	
Apricots, dried (a) ..	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	14.38	14.38	14.33	14.63	14.60	14.60	14.20	14.30	14.30	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.70	14.70	14.70	
Pears, canned ..	"	15.63	15.63	15.61	15.80	15.70	15.70	15.20	15.40	15.40	15.30	15.30	15.30	16.00	16.00	16.00	
Salmon, in tins (a) ..	lb.	21.25	21.25	21.25	21.25	21.25	21.25	20.67	20.67	20.67	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.38	21.38	21.38	
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.36	8.41	8.41	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	
Onions, brown ..	lb.	2.50	2.50	2.88	2.71	2.71	3.17	2.79	4.00	3.13	2.48	2.88	2.88	2.50	2.50	2.50	
Soap ..	"	7.11	7.11	7.11	7.20	7.20	7.20	7.52	7.52	7.52	7.13	7.13	7.13	7.68	7.68	7.68	
Kerosene ..	quart	6.06	6.06	6.17	6.07	6.00	6.00	6.48	6.48	6.48	5.93	5.93	5.93	6.90	6.90	6.90	
Dairy Produce—																	
Butter, factory ..	lb.	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.43	20.29	20.29	20.86	20.86	20.86	20.30	20.30	20.30	20.80	20.80	20.80	
Cheese, mild ..	"	16.28	16.28	16.28	15.93	15.93	15.93	16.86	16.86	16.79	15.88	15.88	15.88	16.50	16.50	16.50	
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	22.00	22.00	22.00	21.71	21.71	21.86	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	22.72	22.72	22.72	23.33	23.33	23.14	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.70	22.70	22.70	
Milk, condensed ..	tin	10.40	10.40	10.40	10.43	10.43	10.43	10.93	10.93	10.93	10.10	10.10	10.10	10.60	10.60	10.60	
" fresh ..	quart	7.45	7.45	7.45	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.13	7.13	7.13	
Meat—																	
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	13.10	13.05	13.05	12.57	12.57	12.57	12.43	12.43	12.43	11.50	11.50	11.50	13.20	13.00	13.00	
" rib ..	"	10.70	10.70	10.70	10.29	10.29	10.29	9.36	9.36	9.36	8.50	8.50	8.50	10.30	10.10	10.10	
" steak, rump ..	"	20.30	20.30	20.30	10.14	20.14	20.14	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.80	18.80	18.80	
" chuck ..	"	9.80	9.85	9.85	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.86	9.86	9.86	9.00	9.20	9.20	9.60	9.40	9.40	
" sausages ..	"	7.90	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.20	8.20	8.40	
Beef (corned) silver ..	side	11.70	12.15	12.15	11.14	12.14	12.14	10.50	10.50	10.64	10.50	11.50	11.50	11.80	12.20	12.20	
" brisket ..	"	8.95	9.05	8.95	8.57	8.57	8.57	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.50	8.60	8.60	9.20	9.20	9.20	
Mutton, leg ..	"	11.06	11.50	11.61	11.00	12.00	12.00	11.07	11.07	11.36	10.60	11.60	11.60	12.00	12.20	12.20	
" forequarter ..	"	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.14	6.21	6.21	6.14	6.14	6.14	6.10	6.20	6.20	7.60	7.40	7.40	
" loin ..	"	9.56	9.83	9.89	8.64	9.29	9.29	8.86	8.86	9.07	7.80	8.40	8.40	10.60	10.50	10.50	
" chops, loin ..	"	10.17	10.78	11.06	9.71	10.57	10.57	10.21	10.21	10.43	8.40	9.50	9.50	11.60	11.90	11.90	
" leg ..	"	11.39	11.61	11.72	11.86	12.71	12.71	11.43	11.43	11.29	11.20	11.90	11.90	12.40	12.60	12.60	
Pork, leg ..	"	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	16.50	16.50	16.75	17.25	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	
" loin ..	"	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50	17.00	17.25	16.88	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50	
" chops ..	"	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50	18.00	17.75	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50	
House Rents (b) ..	4 and 5 rooms ..	262.46	..	..	179.87	..	..	186.92	..	..	239.45	..	..	234.94	..	..	

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.  
 (b) Revised Series comparable only with averages published since December Quarter, 1936. See also footnote (c), page 82.

QUEENSLAND—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED  
FOR THE YEAR 1946; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1946.

Article.	Unit.	BRISBANE.			TOOWOOMBA.			ROCKHAMPTON.			TOWNSVILLE.			BUNDABERG.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread ..	2 lb.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Flour, ordinary ..		5.50	5.50	5.50	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.00	6.00	6.00
Flour, self-raising ..	"	4.09	4.09	4.09	4.50	4.50	4.50	5.36	5.29	5.21	5.00	5.10	5.00	4.70	4.70	4.60
Tea ..	lb.	8.59	8.55	8.55	9.36	9.36	9.36	9.93	9.93	10.00	9.30	9.30	9.30	9.60	9.60	9.60
Sugar ..	"	3.98	3.93	3.93	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.65	4.65	4.65	3.97	3.97	3.97
Rice (Australian)(a)	"	3.57	3.57	3.57	3.83	3.83	3.83	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.00	4.00	4.00
Sago (a) ..		6.63	6.63	6.63	7.25	7.25	7.25	6.75	6.75	6.75	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	12.14	12.23	12.18	12.66	12.48	12.48	13.93	13.93	13.79	13.90	14.00	14.00	13.10	12.90	12.90
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	6.86	6.86	6.91	7.86	7.86	7.86	8.07	8.07	8.07	8.00	8.10	8.10	7.60	7.60	7.60
Oats, flaked (a) ..	lb.	4.13	4.13	4.13	4.60	4.60	4.60	4.70	4.70	4.70	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.13	4.13	4.13
Raisins, seeded ..	"	12.01	12.91	12.91	13.57	13.57	13.57	13.50	13.50	13.50	14.80	15.07	14.37	13.40	13.40	13.40
Currants ..	"	11.28	11.20	11.25	11.29	11.29	11.29	11.58	11.58	11.50	11.50	11.00	11.10	11.60	11.60	11.60
Apricots, dried (a) ..	"	17.25	17.25	17.25	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
Peaches, canned (a) ..	30 oz.	16.19	16.19	16.58	16.83	16.83	16.83	17.10	17.10	17.20	17.00	17.13	17.25	16.38	16.38	16.38
Pears, canned (a) ..	"	17.07	17.07	17.33	18.00	18.00	18.00	17.70	17.90	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	16.50	16.50	16.50
Salmon, in tins (a) ..	lb.	21.33	21.33	21.33	24.63	24.63	24.63	20.50	20.50	20.50	24.00	24.00	24.00	21.00	21.00	21.00
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	8.37	8.37	8.37	8.79	8.79	8.79	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.25	9.25	10.00	8.90	8.90	8.90
Onions, brown ..	lb.	3.07	3.16	3.25	3.00	3.21	3.33	3.50	3.90	3.50	3.63	3.63	3.88	3.38	3.50	3.10
Soap ..	"	6.94	6.94	6.94	7.38	7.38	7.38	7.33	7.38	7.38	7.26	7.33	7.33	7.06	7.06	7.06
Kerosene ..	quart	5.25	5.25	5.25	5.72	5.70	5.70	6.29	6.29	6.29	6.41	6.41	6.11	5.63	5.63	5.63
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	19.82	19.82	19.82	19.86	19.86	19.86	20.14	20.14	20.14	21.80	22.00	22.00	19.80	19.80	19.80
Cheese, mild ..		15.14	15.14	15.14	15.21	15.21	15.21	15.71	15.71	15.71	16.30	16.30	16.30	15.40	15.40	15.40
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	22.00	22.00	22.00	21.33	21.33	21.33	17.86	18.86	19.43	25.00	25.00	25.00	17.75	18.25	20.25
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	22.14	22.14	22.14	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.43	22.43	22.43	21.90	21.90	21.90	21.80	21.80	21.80
Milk, condensed ..	tin	9.77	9.77	9.77	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.79	10.79	10.79	10.20	10.20	10.20	10.10	10.10	10.10
" fresh ..	quart	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.57	7.57	7.57	6.86	6.86	6.86	9.80	9.80	9.80	8.00	8.00	8.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	13.00	13.90	14.00	12.00	13.00	13.00	11.50	12.50	12.50	12.00	13.00	13.00	12.00	12.90	13.00
" rib ..	"	6.67	7.61	7.67	7.00	8.00	8.00	6.75	7.75	7.75	7.00	8.00	8.00	7.00	7.88	8.00
" steak, rump ..	"	17.15	18.00	18.00	17.00	18.00	18.00	14.50	15.50	15.50	15.00	16.00	16.00	15.00	15.90	16.00
" chuck ..	"	8.00	9.00	9.00	7.50	8.50	8.50	8.43	9.50	9.43	7.50	8.50	8.50	9.40	10.30	10.50
" sausages ..	"	8.17	9.00	9.00	8.00	9.00	9.00	8.43	9.50	9.50	8.00	9.00	9.00	9.90	9.90	10.00
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	10.10	11.00	11.00	12.00	13.00	13.00	11.43	12.50	12.50	11.00	12.00	12.00	12.20	13.10	13.50
" brisket ..	"	8.05	9.00	9.00	9.00	10.00	10.00	10.33	11.50	11.50	8.00	9.00	9.00	10.20	11.10	11.40
Mutton, leg ..	"	9.05	10.00	10.00	9.07	10.50	10.50	9.21	10.50	10.50	10.00	11.50	11.50	10.40	11.40	11.40
" forequarter ..	"	5.50	6.05	6.05	6.07	7.43	7.43	6.07	7.00	7.00	6.00	7.00	7.00	7.60	8.40	8.40
" loin ..	"	8.28	8.78	8.83	8.07	9.14	9.14	8.07	0.00	9.00	8.00	9.00	9.00	9.80	10.60	10.60
" chops, loin ..	"	9.50	10.00	10.00	9.07	10.00	10.00	9.21	10.00	10.00	8.00	9.00	9.00	10.40	11.20	11.20
Pork, leg ..	"	15.10	15.10	15.10	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.20	15.20
" loin ..	"	16.30	17.00	17.00	16.00	16.86	17.00	15.86	17.00	17.00	15.75	17.00	17.00	16.20	17.00	17.00
" chops ..	"	17.10	18.00	18.00	16.71	17.71	17.86	16.71	17.86	18.00	15.00	18.00	18.00	16.60	17.40	17.80
House Rents (b) ..	4 and 5 Rooms ..	232.80	..	..	216.82	..	..	210.01	..	..	217.84	..	..	171.55	..	..

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.  
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(b) Revised Series comparable only with averages published since December Quarter, 1936. See also

SOUTH AUSTRALIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1946: ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1946.

Article.	Unit.	ADELAIDE.			KADINA.			PORT PIRIE.			MOUNT GAMBIER.			PETERBOROUGH.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread ..	2 lb.	5.75	5.75	5.75	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.93	4.93	4.93	5.07	5.07	5.07	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
self-raising ..	"	7.20	7.20	7.20	8.64	8.64	8.64	8.86	8.86	8.86	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.63	8.63	8.63
Tea ..	lb.	27.10	27.10	27.10	27.75	27.75	27.75	27.14	27.14	27.14	27.40	27.40	27.40	28.00	28.00	28.00
Sugar ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.12	4.12	4.12	4.19	4.19	4.19	4.33	4.33	4.33	4.50	4.50	4.50
Rice (Australian)(a)	"	3.50	3.50	3.50	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.63	4.63	4.63	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.25	4.25	4.25
Sago (a) ..	"	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.75	6.75	6.75	7.00	7.00	7.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.50	7.50	7.50
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	13.25	13.20	13.20	13.79	13.79	13.79	13.86	13.86	13.86	13.80	13.80	13.80	13.63	13.63	13.63
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	6.95	6.95	6.95	8.29	8.29	8.29	8.86	8.86	8.86	8.20	8.20	8.20	8.63	8.63	8.63
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	3.75	3.75	3.75	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.13	4.13	4.13	3.75	3.75	3.75	4.25	4.25	4.25
Raisins, seeded ..	"	11.75	11.80	11.80	12.36	12.36	12.36	13.59	13.74	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00
Currants ..	"	9.90	9.95	9.95	10.79	10.79	10.79	10.86	10.86	10.86	10.70	10.70	10.70	11.00	11.00	11.00
Apricots, dried (a)	"	17.38	17.38	17.38	17.00	17.00	17.00	16.67	16.67	16.67	17.67	17.67	17.67	18.00	18.00	18.00
Peaches, canned (a)	30 oz.	14.50	14.50	14.50	15.10	14.88	14.88	15.92	15.92	15.92	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.67	15.67	15.67
Pears, canned ..	"	15.10	15.00	15.00	15.50	15.38	15.38	16.20	16.17	16.17	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.67	15.67	15.67
Salmon, in tins (a)	lb.	20.80	20.80	20.80	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.00	19.00	19.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	8.78	8.73	8.43	10.75	10.50	10.25	10.36	10.36	10.36	7.96	7.96	7.96	10.38	10.38	10.38
Onions, brown ..	lb.	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.83	2.83	2.83	3.14	3.38	3.38	2.50	2.50	2.50	3.00	3.00	3.25
Soap ..	"	7.36	7.36	7.36	7.67	7.67	7.67	7.38	7.38	7.38	7.60	7.60	7.60	7.75	7.75	7.75
Kerosene ..	quart	4.96	4.96	4.89	5.45	5.45	5.45	5.91	5.91	5.91	5.55	5.55	5.55	5.88	5.88	5.88
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	20.00	20.00	20.00	21.14	21.14	21.14	20.86	20.86	20.86	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.63	20.63	20.63
Cheese, mild ..	"	14.78	14.78	14.78	16.33	16.33	16.33	16.67	16.67	16.67	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.50	16.50	16.50
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	22.50	22.50	22.50	18.00	17.83	17.50	18.00	18.00	18.00	15.80	15.80	16.40	18.00	18.00	18.00
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	19.90	19.90	19.90	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.25	20.25	20.25	20.10	20.10	20.10	20.50	20.50	20.50
Milk, condensed ..	tin	9.30	9.30	9.30	10.36	10.29	10.29	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.40	10.40	10.40	9.88	9.88	9.88
fresh ..	quart	6.50	6.50	6.50	7.57	7.43	7.43	8.00	8.00	8.00	6.80	6.80	6.80	8.00	8.00	8.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.14	11.14	11.07	10.57	10.57	10.71	12.40	12.40	12.40	11.00	11.00	11.00
rib ..	"	9.50	9.50	9.50	10.43	10.43	10.43	9.93	9.93	9.93	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
steak, rump ..	"	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.64	15.64	15.64	17.50	17.50	17.50	15.90	15.90	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50
chuck ..	"	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.50	10.50	10.50	12.00	12.00	9.10	9.10	9.10	10.33	10.33	10.33	
sausages ..	"	7.44	7.44	7.44	7.71	7.71	7.71	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	11.50	11.50	11.40	12.07	12.07	12.07	12.00	12.00	10.90	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
brisket ..	"	8.50	8.50	8.50	9.93	9.93	9.93	10.07	10.07	9.00	9.10	8.90	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
Mutton, leg ..	"	10.50	10.55	10.55	10.43	10.43	10.43	10.57	10.57	10.57	10.70	10.70	10.70	10.83	10.83	10.83
forequarter ..	"	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.93	6.93	6.93	7.50	7.50	6.00	5.90	5.90	5.83	5.83	5.83	5.83
loin ..	"	9.35	9.35	9.35	9.79	9.79	9.79	10.21	10.21	9.10	9.10	9.10	9.67	9.67	9.67	9.67
chops, loin ..	"	9.90	10.00	10.00	10.50	10.50	10.50	11.50	11.50	9.80	9.80	9.80	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
leg ..	"	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.71	10.71	10.71	11.50	11.50	10.80	10.70	10.60	11.67	11.67	11.67	11.67
Pork, leg ..	"	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
loin ..	"	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
chops ..	"	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.71	15.71	15.71	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
House Rents (b) ..	4 and 5 Rooms ..	241.27	..	..	98.07	..	..	179.12	..	..	180.63	..	..	189.95	..	..

(b) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.  
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(b) Revised Series comparable only with averages published since December Quarter, 1936. See also

WESTERN AUSTRALIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF THE FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1946: ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1946.

Article.	Unit.	PERTH.			KALGOORLIE.			NORTHAM.			BUNBURY.			GERALDTON.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Groceries, &c.—					d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lb.	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	5.00	5.00	5.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.75	4.75	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
" self-raising ..	"	7.95	7.95	7.95	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
Tea ..	lb.	27.00	27.00	27.00	28.93	28.93	28.93	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.25	27.25	27.25	28.00	28.00	28.00
Sugar ..		4.00	4.00	4.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.23	4.23	4.23	4.50	4.50	4.50
Rice (Australian)(a) ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	5.17	5.17	5.17	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50
Sago (a) ..	"	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	11.00	11.00	11.00	12.50	12.50	12.50	11.63	11.63	11.75	11.50	11.63	11.63	12.00	12.00	12.00
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	8.00	8.00	8.00	10.50	10.50	10.50	9.88	9.88	9.88	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.90	8.90	8.90
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	4.50	4.50	4.50	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.88	4.88	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Raisins, seeded ..	"	13.00	13.00	13.00	14.00	14.07	14.07	13.38	13.38	13.38	13.38	13.38	13.38	13.60	13.60	13.60
Currants ..	"	10.45	10.45	10.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	10.88	10.88	10.88	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
Apricots, dried (a) ..	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	19.06	19.06	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	15.50	15.50	15.50	18.50	18.50	18.50	16.17	16.17	16.17	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50
Pears, canned ..	"	16.50	16.50	16.50	19.42	19.50	19.50	17.17	17.17	17.17	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.38	17.38	17.38
Salmon, in tins (a) ..	lb.	20.00	20.00	20.00	24.67	24.67	24.67	20.00	20.00	20.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	8.43	8.43	8.43	10.14	10.14	10.14	9.13	9.00	9.00	8.85	8.85	8.85	9.40	9.40	9.40
Onions, brown ..	lb.	3.11	2.83	2.89	3.67	3.50	3.60	3.50	3.17	3.17	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.38
Soap ..	"	7.33	7.33	7.33	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.42	7.42	7.42	7.42	7.42	7.42	7.67	7.67	7.67
Kerosene ..	quart	5.88	5.88	5.88	7.81	7.81	7.81	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.79	6.79	6.79	6.63	6.63	6.63
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	21.00	21.00	21.00	22.93	22.93	22.93	21.50	21.50	21.50	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.50	21.50	21.50
Cheese, mild ..	"	17.00	17.00	17.00	18.42	18.42	18.42	17.63	17.63	17.63	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	22.00	22.00	22.00	24.00	24.17	25.43	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	20.50	20.50	20.50	21.71	21.71	21.71	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00
Milk, condensed ..	tin	9.95	9.95	9.95	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50
" fresh ..	quart	8.00	8.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	13.00	13.00	13.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00
" rib ..	"	11.00	11.00	11.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
" steak, rump ..	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00
" chuck ..	"	11.00	11.00	11.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
" sausages ..	"	9.00	9.00	9.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.67	8.67	8.67	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	11.00	11.00	11.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
brisket ..	"	9.00	9.00	9.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
Mutton, leg ..	"	19.00	19.00	19.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
" forequarter ..	"	7.00	7.00	7.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
" loin ..	"	10.00	10.00	10.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	9.25	9.25	9.50	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.67	9.67	9.67
" chops, loin ..	"	10.00	10.00	10.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
" leg ..	"	10.00	10.00	10.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Pork, leg ..	"	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.70	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
" loin ..	"	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.40	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
" chops ..	"	17.00	17.00	17.00	15.80	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00
House Rents (b) ..	4 and 5 Rooms ..	238.96	..	..	266.09	..	..	226.42	..	..	246.44	..	..	267.67	..	..

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.  
 footnote (c), page 82.

(b) Revised Series comparable only with averages published since December Quarter, 1936. See also

TASMANIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF THE FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED  
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Retail Prices and House Rents.

Article.	Unit.	HOBART.			LAUNCESTON.			BURNIE.			DEVONPORT.			QUEENSTOWN.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread ..	2 lb.	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.90	5.90	5.90	6.00	6.00	6.00	5.50	5.50	5.50
Flour, ordinary ..	"	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.36	4.36	4.36	4.80	4.80	4.80	4.60	4.60	4.60	5.00	5.00	5.00
self-raising		7.45	7.45	7.45	7.29	7.29	7.29	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.60	7.60	7.60	7.75	7.75	7.75
Tea ..	lb.	27.05	27.05	27.05	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.10	27.10	27.10	27.13	27.13	27.13
Sugar ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.25	4.25	4.25
Rice (Australian)(a)	"	3.86	3.86	3.86	3.80	3.80	3.80	4.17	4.17	4.17	3.83	3.83	3.83	4.17	4.17	4.17
Sago (a) ..	"	7.63	7.63	7.63	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.50	7.50	7.50	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.67	7.67	7.67
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.50	10.00	10.20	10.20	10.63	10.63	10.63
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	8.05	8.00	8.00	7.79	7.86	7.86	7.90	7.90	7.90	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.88	8.88	8.88
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	3.78	3.78	3.78	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.80	3.80	3.80	3.81	3.81	3.81	4.00	4.00	4.00
Raisins, seeded ..	"	12.95	12.95	12.95	12.86	12.86	12.86	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.50	13.50	13.50
Currants ..	"	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.71	10.71	10.71	10.80	10.80	10.80	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.25	11.25	11.25
Almonds, dried (a)	30 oz.	18.00	18.00	18.00	16.25	16.25	16.25	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.00	17.00	17.00	18.25	18.25	18.25
Peaches, canned (a)	30 oz.	14.67	14.79	14.94	15.40	15.40	14.90	15.25	15.25	14.83	15.38	15.38	15.00	15.67	15.67	15.67
Pears, canned (a) ..	"	15.75	15.19	15.25	15.33	15.33	15.42	15.38	15.38	15.50	15.30	15.30	15.40	16.50	16.33	16.50
Salmon, in tins (a) ..	lb.	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.17	22.17	22.17	19.83	19.83	19.83
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	10.40	10.40	10.40
Onions, brown ..	lb.	3.56	3.56	4.92	3.21	3.21	3.21	2.90	2.90	2.90	3.20	3.20	4.00	3.38	3.38	4.00
Soap ..	"	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.67	7.67	7.67
Kerosene ..	quart	6.68	6.68	6.72	6.72	6.72	6.72	6.68	6.68	6.68	6.35	6.35	6.35	7.31	7.27	7.27
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.13	20.13	20.13
Cheese, mild ..	"	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.75	15.67	15.75	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	17.00	17.00	17.00
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	23.83	23.83	23.83
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.71	20.71	20.71	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.38	21.38	21.38
Milk, condensed ..	tin	10.45	10.45	10.45	10.29	10.29	10.29	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.75	10.75	10.75
fresh ..	quart	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	14.10	14.10	14.10	12.57	12.57	12.57	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
rib ..	"	12.00	12.00	12.00	10.86	10.86	10.86	11.88	11.88	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	13.00	13.00	13.00
steak, rump ..	"	19.10	19.10	19.10	17.43	17.43	17.43	16.75	16.75	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	18.00	18.00	18.00
chuck ..	"	12.00	12.20	12.00	10.43	10.43	10.43	11.00	11.00	10.67	10.67	11.00	13.67	13.67	14.00	14.00
sausages ..	"	8.63	8.63	8.78	8.29	8.14	8.14	8.75	8.75	8.67	8.67	8.67	8.67	10.33	10.33	10.33
Beef (corned) silver ..	side	14.20	14.20	14.20	11.71	11.71	11.71	12.00	12.00	11.67	11.67	11.67	13.67	13.67	13.67	13.67
brisket ..	"	11.75	11.85	11.75	10.29	10.29	10.29	11.00	11.00	10.67	10.67	11.00	12.67	12.67	12.67	12.67
forequarter ..	"	11.95	11.75	11.95	10.67	10.67	10.67	11.38	11.38	11.50	11.50	11.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50
loin ..	"	11.10	11.10	11.10	10.17	10.17	10.17	10.38	10.38	10.50	10.50	10.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50
chops, loin ..	"	11.75	11.75	11.75	10.50	10.50	10.50	11.38	11.38	11.50	11.50	11.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50
leg ..	"	12.75	12.75	12.75	10.83	10.83	10.83	11.38	11.38	11.50	11.50	11.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50
Pork, leg ..	"	14.60	14.60	14.60	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
loin ..	"	14.60	14.60	14.60	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
chops ..	"	14.60	14.60	14.60	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
House Rents (b) ..	4 and 5 Rooms ..	252.26	252.26	252.26	233.26	233.26	233.26	214.51	214.51	214.51	193.77	193.77	193.77	204.78	204.78	204.78

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.  
footnote (c), page 82.

(b) Revised Series comparable only with averages published since December Quarter, 1936. See also

## Section VIII.—Wholesale Price Index-Numbers.

## MELBOURNE WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

(Base : 1911 = 1,000.)

Period.	Metals and Coal.	Wool, Cotton, Leather, &c.	Agri-cultural Produce, &c.	Dairy Produce.	Groceries.	Meat.	Building Materials.	Chemicals.	All Groups.
1861..	1,438	1,381	1,583	1,008	1,963	..	1,070	2,030	1,538
1871..	1,096	1,257	1,236	864	1,586	..	1,044	1,409	1,220
1881..	1,178	1,115	1,012	935	1,421	..	1,091	1,587	1,121
1891..	895	847	1,024	995	1,032	888	780	1,194	945
1901..	1,061	774	928	1,029	1,048	1,345	841	917	974
1902..	1,007	756	1,192	1,215	945	1,447	837	881	1,051
1903..	923	834	1,209	1,059	936	1,443	875	921	1,049
1904..	821	885	754	876	916	1,427	845	875	890
1905..	772	850	894	980	942	1,209	801	859	910
1906..	882	978	916	972	923	1,110	896	864	948
1907..	1,037	1,017	973	1,020	948	1,294	968	961	1,021
1908..	1,033	901	1,312	1,198	968	1,335	935	891	1,115
1909..	1,014	907	1,000	1,119	978	1,088	911	815	993
1910..	1,004	1,052	969	1,100	999	1,008	996	898	1,003
1911..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1912..	1,021	991	1,370	1,206	1,052	1,357	1,057	978	1,170
1913..	1,046	1,070	1,097	1,054	1,024	1,252	1,128	995	1,088
1914..	1,099	1,032	1,207	1,137	1,021	1,507	1,081	1,253	1,148
1915..	1,284	1,017	2,162	1,530	1,133	2,435	1,275	1,528	1,604
1916..	1,095	1,423	1,208	1,485	1,322	2,515	1,491	1,760	1,504
1917..	2,129	2,008	1,157	1,423	1,343	2,403	1,884	2,171	1,662
1918..	2,416	2,360	1,444	1,454	1,422	2,385	2,686	3,225	1,934
1919..	2,125	2,363	1,985	1,651	1,516	2,348	2,851	2,898	2,058
1920..	2,298	2,624	2,439	2,209	1,918	3,279	3,226	2,825	2,480
1921..	2,173	1,362	1,777	2,000	1,976	2,158	2,733	2,303	1,903
1922..	1,042	1,681	1,628	1,648	1,869	1,787	2,005	1,965	1,758
1923..	1,826	2,148	1,778	1,837	1,746	2,579	2,025	1,933	1,944
1924..	1,835	2,418	1,647	1,655	1,721	2,223	1,815	1,806	1,885
1925..	1,852	1,967	1,797	1,636	1,723	2,212	1,711	1,790	1,844
1926..	1,938	1,582	2,001	1,784	1,731	1,931	1,665	1,816	1,832
1927..	1,962	1,650	1,826	1,823	1,724	2,111	1,624	1,866	1,817
1928..	1,912	1,781	1,726	1,751	1,707	2,015	1,744	1,923	1,792
1929..	1,912	1,556	1,792	1,853	1,690	2,246	1,754	1,942	1,803
1930..	1,866	1,127	1,484	1,624	1,666	2,025	1,875	1,982	1,596
1931..	1,826	1,039	1,121	1,399	1,794	1,508	2,025	2,166	1,428
1932..	1,736	1,000	1,230	1,303	1,767	1,348	2,043	2,127	1,411
1933..	1,713	1,118	1,175	1,195	1,714	1,487	2,061	2,106	1,409
1934..	1,660	1,261	1,288	1,274	1,735	1,540	2,015	2,018	1,471
1935..	1,602	1,217	1,344	1,325	1,729	1,508	1,964	1,996	1,469
1936..	1,566	1,331	1,480	1,351	1,731	1,684	1,969	1,997	1,543
1937..	1,772	1,406	1,604	1,451	1,750	1,678	2,430	2,006	1,656
1938..	1,746	1,051	1,789	1,549	1,747	1,871	2,238	2,059	1,662
1939..	1,758	1,101	1,820	1,557	1,752	1,710	2,220	2,075	1,665
1940..	1,854	1,362	1,568	1,567	1,784	1,882	2,890	2,298	1,713
1941..	1,960	1,402	1,721	1,554	1,884	1,776	3,138	2,527	1,796
1942..	2,146	1,507	1,900	1,665	1,938	2,312	3,409	2,437	1,977
1943..	2,272	1,945	1,964	1,716	1,939	2,366	3,764	2,442	2,117
1944..	2,278	1,967	2,052	1,721	1,949	2,470	3,768	2,442	2,159
1945..	2,270	1,960	2,259	1,726	1,967	2,560	3,770	2,527	2,228
1946..	2,262	2,062	1,950	1,722	1,977	2,589	3,772	2,614	2,163

NOTE.—The index of wholesale prices above was first computed in 1912 and relates chiefly to basic materials and foods weighted in accordance with consumption in the years immediately preceding that date. Neither the component items nor the weighting have been varied. Consequently the index is a measure of changes in wholesale price levels based on usages which have altered substantially since the period on which the weighting was determined. As such it is useful as an indication of long-term trends over the past 85 years which it covers, on the assumption that the relative importance of component items remained constant. But it no longer serves as a measure of price variations from month to month or from year to year of commodities weighted in accordance with present-day consumption. Reference to a description of the index published in the annual *Labour Report* will indicate that animal fodders preponderate in the "Agricultural Produce" group, while "Building Materials" include little besides imported timber. In other groups, some principal items have increased in consumption while others have decreased. A new wholesale price index, covering basic materials and foodstuffs, has therefore been computed, in which the items have been regrouped and reweighted as indicated, and comparative index numbers back to 1928-29 are published on the next page.

## WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS—BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS.

Following a conference of Statisticians in 1930 an index has been computed from new data on prices and consumption. Both in contents and method of computation it differs from the Melbourne Index of Wholesale Prices published on the previous page. The price quotations have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants, and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from home-produced building materials, coal and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of fluctuations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on average annual consumption during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Tex-tiles.	Chem-i-cals.	Rubber and Hides.	Build-ing Ma-terials.	Food-stuffs and To-bacco.	Goods prin-cipally Im-ported. (a)	Goods prin-cipally Home Pro-duced.	All Groups.	
1928-29	..	1,269	1,064	1,288	1,214	1,148	948	1,070	911	1,183	1,103
1937-38	..	1,013	1,012	1,000	1,001	969	1,041	997	1,018	1,000	1,005
1938-39	..	1,025	1,004	815	1,011	925	970	1,029	991	1,020	1,011
1939-40	..	1,051	1,152	1,038	1,068	1,163	1,084	1,012	1,106	1,025	1,047
1940-41	..	1,074	1,374	1,105	1,236	1,256	1,284	1,069	1,325	1,060	1,140
1941-42	..	1,173	1,509	1,184	1,372	1,350	1,352	1,169	1,525	1,123	1,242
1942-43	..	1,288	1,667	1,471	1,422	1,379	1,628	1,279	1,760	1,212	1,373
1943-44	..	1,310	1,695	1,501	1,432	1,398	1,743	1,287	1,824	1,217	1,396
1944-45	..	1,307	1,676	1,518	1,428	1,398	1,747	1,308	1,819	1,232	1,405
1945-46	..	1,302	1,561	1,518	1,416	1,393	1,766	1,344	1,782	1,254	1,410
1943-44—											
October	..	1,310	1,694	1,507	1,433	1,398	1,741	1,286	1,826	1,216	1,396
November	..	1,310	1,694	1,436	1,433	1,398	1,741	1,279	1,820	1,206	1,389
December	..	1,310	1,694	1,499	1,433	1,398	1,743	1,275	1,821	1,209	1,389
January	..	1,310	1,696	1,490	1,433	1,398	1,743	1,279	1,828	1,210	1,392
February	..	1,310	1,696	1,490	1,433	1,398	1,743	1,269	1,815	1,208	1,386
March	..	1,310	1,696	1,490	1,430	1,398	1,746	1,271	1,818	1,208	1,387
April	..	1,310	1,696	1,490	1,430	1,398	1,746	1,289	1,832	1,215	1,397
May	..	1,310	1,696	1,490	1,430	1,398	1,746	1,291	1,818	1,223	1,398
June	..	1,308	1,696	1,507	1,430	1,398	1,746	1,307	1,820	1,235	1,407
1944-45—											
July	..	1,308	1,696	1,512	1,430	1,398	1,747	1,312	1,819	1,239	1,410
August	..	1,308	1,696	1,542	1,429	1,398	1,747	1,306	1,817	1,237	1,408
September	..	1,308	1,696	1,525	1,430	1,398	1,747	1,291	1,814	1,225	1,399
October	..	1,308	1,696	1,523	1,430	1,398	1,747	1,288	1,821	1,221	1,397
November	..	1,310	1,696	1,515	1,430	1,398	1,747	1,289	1,831	1,217	1,398
December	..	1,306	1,696	1,515	1,430	1,398	1,747	1,290	1,834	1,216	1,398
January	..	1,306	1,678	1,516	1,430	1,398	1,746	1,291	1,822	1,217	1,396
February	..	1,306	1,678	1,516	1,430	1,398	1,748	1,304	1,830	1,225	1,404
March	..	1,306	1,678	1,511	1,430	1,398	1,748	1,314	1,824	1,235	1,408
April	..	1,306	1,678	1,511	1,430	1,398	1,748	1,333	1,835	1,245	1,419
May	..	1,306	1,609	1,525	1,429	1,398	1,748	1,331	1,795	1,249	1,410
June	..	1,306	1,609	1,510	1,406	1,398	1,748	1,346	1,790	1,261	1,417
1945-46—											
July	..	1,305	1,609	1,502	1,410	1,398	1,758	1,347	1,793	1,259	1,417
August	..	1,303	1,609	1,508	1,410	1,398	1,758	1,349	1,797	1,259	1,418
September	..	1,303	1,566	1,508	1,410	1,398	1,758	1,353	1,791	1,257	1,415
October	..	1,303	1,566	1,489	1,417	1,398	1,758	1,348	1,802	1,249	1,411
November	..	1,303	1,566	1,496	1,417	1,398	1,758	1,332	1,778	1,246	1,404
December	..	1,303	1,566	1,507	1,417	1,398	1,758	1,328	1,778	1,244	1,399
January	..	1,302	1,566	1,511	1,417	1,398	1,762	1,331	1,783	1,244	1,403
February	..	1,302	1,566	1,515	1,417	1,398	1,769	1,328	1,768	1,249	1,403
March	..	1,300	1,566	1,515	1,418	1,398	1,769	1,348	1,786	1,257	1,413
April	..	1,300	1,519	1,540	1,418	1,398	1,783	1,355	1,773	1,262	1,413
May	..	1,300	1,519	1,579	1,418	1,398	1,783	1,355	1,774	1,263	1,413
June	..	1,300	1,519	1,544	1,418	1,398	1,783	1,352	1,766	1,263	1,410
1946-47—											
July	..	1,300	1,519	1,523	1,418	1,398	1,783	1,345	1,766	1,257	1,407
August	..	1,300	1,462	1,530	1,418	1,398	1,783	1,333	1,745	1,245	1,393
September	..	1,300	1,462	1,503	1,418	1,398	1,783	1,331	1,743	1,255	1,398
October	..	1,300	1,459	1,874	1,417	1,398	1,783	1,337	1,757	1,256	1,404
November	..	1,300	1,459	1,954	1,390	1,398	1,787	1,369	1,794	1,267	1,422
December	..	1,300	1,418	1,945	1,390	1,398	1,788	1,366	1,762	1,270	1,415

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally.

## PRIMARY PRODUCTION PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

The annual index-numbers in the following table have been recomputed to the base Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000 from the revised series published in *Production Bulletin* No. 39 Part II. They are based in general on prices realized in the principal markets of Australia.

The monthly index-numbers (based on the nearest equivalent wholesale quotations) are intended progressively to forecast the point which the annual index-numbers will eventually reach, and to provide a preliminary figure for the latest full year pending the completion of the annual census of production. The preliminary index-numbers will be revised as each production census is completed.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Agriculture.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Mining other than Gold.(a)	Gold. (a)	All Groups.	
1928-29	..	1,167	1,289	1,221	1,234	1,235	487	1,213
1938-39	..	896	878	1,059	918	933	1,011	922
1939-40	..	893	1,021	1,066	984	974	1,113	987
1940-41	..	1,004	1,086	1,025	1,046	1,076	1,215	1,053
1941-42	..	1,008	1,158	1,075	1,090	1,176	1,218	1,101
1942-43	..	1,157	1,273	1,171	1,214	1,249	1,191	1,216
1943-44	..	1,259	1,327	1,213	1,281	1,298	1,191	1,281
1944-45	..	1,597	1,318	1,200	1,393	1,367	1,197	1,385
1945-46(b)	..	1,742	1,335	1,200	1,452	1,390	1,219	1,439
1945-46—(b)								
October	..	1,601	1,325	1,200	1,398	1,394	1,227	1,389
November	..	1,601	1,319	1,200	1,395	1,394	1,227	1,387
December	..	1,913	1,319	1,200	1,505	1,394	1,227	1,485
January	..	1,894	1,320	1,200	1,499	1,390	1,227	1,480
February	..	1,832	1,336	1,200	1,484	1,390	1,227	1,467
March	..	1,819	1,344	1,200	1,483	1,390	1,227	1,466
April	..	1,819	1,344	1,200	1,483	1,390	1,227	1,468
May	..	1,811	1,344	1,200	1,480	1,390	1,227	1,466
June	..	1,813	1,344	1,200	1,481	1,391	1,227	1,466
1946-47(b)—								
July..	..	1,817	1,329	1,200	1,475	1,391	1,227	1,461
August..	..	1,843	1,312	1,200	1,477	1,410	1,227	1,463
September..	..	1,850	1,542	1,200	1,584	1,413	1,227	1,558
October..	..	1,836	1,588	1,200	1,600	1,413	1,227	1,572
November..	..	1,832	1,667	1,200	1,634	1,413	1,227	1,602
December..	..	1,842	1,667	1,200	1,638	1,413	1,227	1,606

(a) Year ended previous December.

(b) Preliminary figures. (See note at head of table.)

## EXPORT PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

These index-numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which constitute about 85 per cent. of all exports. The prices are multiplied by the average quantities exported during a fairly recent and representative period.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Year.	Ex- cluding Gold.	In- cluding Gold.	Month.	1944-45.		1945-46.		1946-47.		
				Ex- cluding Gold.	In- cluding Gold.	Ex- cluding Gold.	In- cluding Gold.	Ex- cluding Gold.	In- cluding Gold.	
1928-29	1,205	1,173	July	..	1,236	1,234	1,350	1,342	1,665	1,626
1934-35	741	753	August	..	1,258	1,255	1,346	1,338	1,703	1,670
1935-36	942	946	September	..	1,283	1,279	1,364	1,355	1,899	1,853
1936-37	1,155	1,144	October	..	1,312	1,305	1,369	1,360	1,985	1,933
1937-38	1,024	1,022	November	..	1,300	1,294	1,369	1,360	2,082	2,024
1938-39	821	834	December	..	1,300	1,295	1,517	1,497	2,142	2,080
1939-40	964	980								
1940-41	1,026	1,039	January	..	1,317	1,311	1,526	1,506	..	..
1941-42	1,047	1,059	February	..	1,312	1,307	1,543	1,522	..	..
1942-43	1,137	1,142	March	..	1,321	1,314	1,576	1,552	..	..
1943-44	1,169	1,171	April	..	1,333	1,326	1,580	1,556	..	..
1944-45	1,304	1,298	May	..	1,328	1,319	1,585	1,561	..	..
1945-46	1,476	1,459	June	..	1,342	1,335	1,584	1,560	..	..

NOTE.—While the index-numbers above indicate satisfactorily the general trend of the market, they take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the different prices ruling in each month and consequently do not give an adequate indication of the significance of the price movements as they actually affected current sales. This is shown more accurately by the Export Price Index (Changing Base), published in the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics* and in the computation of which the "quantity-multipliers" are changed each month.

## Section IX.—Miscellaneous.

## COMPARATIVE INDEX-NUMBERS FOR THE SIX CAPITAL CITIES COMBINED.

\* (Base of Each Section: Weighted Average of Six Capitals, 1911 = 1,000.)

Period.	Retail Price Index-numbers.						Nominal Wages, Adult Males. "C" Series.	Real Wages. (b)	Percentage of Unemployment among Trade Unionists.
	Food and Groceries.	Housing (4 and 5 Rooms). (a)	Food, Groceries and Housing (4 and 5 Rooms). "B" Series.	Clothing.	Miscellaneous.	All Items of Household Expenditure. "C" Series.			
<b>Year—</b>									
1911 .. ..	1,000	1,000	1,000	(c) 1,000	(c) 1,000	(c) 1,000	1,000	1,000	4.7
1914 .. ..	1,144	1,082	1,121	1,140	1,140	1,140	1,081	948	8.3
1921 .. ..	1,902	1,410	1,717	1,883	1,537	1,680	1,826	1,087	11.2
1928 .. ..	1,761	1,743	1,755	1,507	1,537	1,675	1,963	1,172	10.8
1932 .. ..	1,425	1,336	1,390	1,215	1,457	1,377	1,639	1,190	29.0
1938 .. ..	1,584	1,540	1,568	1,253	1,463	1,488	1,799	1,209	8.7
1939 .. ..	1,657	1,577	1,626	1,271	1,465	1,526	1,846	1,211	9.7
1941 .. ..	1,693	1,595	1,654	1,690	1,613	1,673	1,997	1,194	3.7
1942 .. ..	1,843	1,596	1,742	1,977	1,693	1,809	2,164	1,196	1.6
1943 .. ..	1,855	1,595	1,749	2,177	1,76	1,876	2,309	1,231	1.1
1944 .. ..	1,834	1,595	1,737	2,168	1,773	1,867	2,326	1,246	1.2
1945 .. ..	1,849	1,595	1,746	2,155	1,767	1,868	2,339	1,252	1.2
1946 .. ..	1,852	1,596	1,748	2,276	1,776	1,900	..	..	1.4
<b>Quarter—</b>									
1937.									
September ..	1,526	1,499	1,516	1,230	1,464	1,454	1,721	1,184	9.3
December ..	1,540	1,510	1,529	1,245	1,467	1,465	1,763	1,203	8.2
1938.									
March .. ..	1,540	1,521	1,534	1,247	1,466	1,467	1,778	1,212	8.0
June .. ..	1,572	1,534	1,558	1,255	1,461	1,482	1,787	1,206	8.6
September ..	1,616	1,547	1,589	1,256	1,463	1,500	1,806	1,204	9.2
December ..	1,608	1,559	1,589	1,256	1,463	1,501	1,823	1,215	8.9
1939.									
March .. ..	1,673	1,568	1,631	1,258	1,461	1,524	1,826	1,198	9.6
June .. ..	1,654	1,575	1,623	1,264	1,461	1,522	1,847	1,214	9.5
September ..	1,645	1,582	1,620	1,264	1,463	1,520	1,854	1,220	10.2
December ..	1,657	1,584	1,628	1,297	1,472	1,536	1,858	1,210	9.3
1940.									
March .. ..	1,640	1,587	1,620	1,342	1,481	1,542	1,864	1,209	7.9
June .. ..	1,688	1,589	1,649	1,415	1,518	1,583	1,875	1,184	10.5
September ..	1,676	1,591	1,642	1,450	1,533	1,590	1,903	1,197	7.4
December ..	1,710	1,593	1,663	1,572	1,542	1,635	1,912	1,169	6.2
1941.									
March .. ..	1,713	1,595	1,666	1,598	1,581	1,651	1,966	1,191	5.3
June .. ..	1,679	1,595	1,646	1,660	1,594	1,660	1,984	1,195	3.6
September ..	1,673	1,595	1,643	1,705	1,633	1,675	2,002	1,195	3.2
December ..	1,705	1,596	1,662	1,787	1,644	1,707	2,034	1,192	2.9
1942.									
March .. ..	1,771	1,597	1,701	1,838	1,667	1,746	2,091	1,198	1.8
June .. ..	1,832	1,596	1,736	1,942	1,673	1,793	2,127	1,188	1.7
September ..	1,887	1,595	1,768	2,028	1,689	1,835	2,182	1,189	1.6
December ..	1,880	1,595	1,764	2,098	1,741	1,860	2,257	1,213	1.3
1943.									
March .. ..	1,860	1,595	1,752	2,130	1,749	1,863	2,283	1,225	1.2
June .. ..	1,891	1,595	1,771	2,216	1,763	1,897	2,292	1,208	1.1
September ..	1,853	1,594	1,748	2,192	1,773	1,880	2,331	1,240	1.1
December ..	1,815	1,595	1,726	2,171	1,778	1,864	2,329	1,249	1.1
1944.									
March .. ..	1,824	1,595	1,731	2,167	1,775	1,864	2,322	1,246	1.0
June .. ..	1,834	1,595	1,737	2,160	1,773	1,865	2,322	1,245	1.4
September ..	1,852	1,595	1,748	2,166	1,772	1,873	2,327	1,242	1.2
December ..	1,827	1,595	1,733	2,180	1,770	1,867	2,332	1,249	1.2
1945.									
March .. ..	1,838	1,595	1,739	2,149	1,767	1,863	2,333	1,252	1.1
June .. ..	1,854	1,595	1,749	2,141	1,767	1,866	2,336	1,252	1.1
September ..	1,860	1,595	1,752	2,140	1,767	1,868	2,340	1,253	1.2
December ..	1,842	1,595	1,742	2,189	1,767	1,874	2,348	1,253	1.2
1946.									
March .. ..	1,853	1,595	1,748	2,201	1,772	1,881	2,354	1,251	1.4
June .. ..	1,863	1,595	1,754	2,259	1,776	1,900	2,360	1,242	1.3
September ..	1,839	1,596	1,741	2,299	1,776	1,902	2,378	1,250	1.4
December ..	1,854	1,596	1,750	2,343	1,781	1,918	..	..	1.4

(a) See footnote (c) on page 82.

(b) Index of nominal weekly wage rates divided by "C" Series index of retail prices.

(c) Taken back from true base (November, 1914 = 1,000) by means of the Food and Rent (All Houses) Index.

\* The index-numbers given in the separate columns of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show, for example, the relative cost of housing and food and groceries, since the cost in 1911 in each group or combination of groups is made equal to 1,000.

## STATISTICAL SUMMARY—AUSTRALIA.

Heading.	Years.							
	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1931.	1941.	1945.
POPULATION (a)—Males	1,247,059	1,736,617	2,004,836	2,382,232	2,799,462	3,332,577	3,592,862	3,714,163
Females	1,059,677	1,504,368	1,820,077	2,191,554	2,711,532	3,220,029	3,539,771	3,700,165
Total	2,306,736	3,240,955	3,824,913	4,573,786	5,510,994	6,552,606	7,132,633	7,414,328
BIRTHS—Number	80,004	110,187	102,945	122,193	136,198	118,509	134,525	160,560
Rate	35.26	34.47	27.16	27.21	24.95	18.16	18.95	21.77
DEATHS—Number	33,327	47,430	46,330	47,869	54,076	56,560	71,176	70,231
Rate	14.69	14.84	12.22	10.66	9.91	8.67	10.02	9.52
MARRIAGES—Number	17,244	23,862	27,753	39,482	46,860	38,882	75,148	62,822
Rate	7.60	7.47	7.32	8.79	8.59	5.96	10.58	8.52
	1881-82.	1891-92.	1901-02.	1911-12.	1921-22.	1931-32.	1941-42.	1945-46.(b)
AGRICULTURE—								
Wheat—Area '000 acres	2,996	3,335	5,116	7,428	9,719	14,741	12,003	11,425
Yield '000 bus.	21,444	25,675	38,562	71,636	129,089	190,612	166,713	142,410
Average yield bus.	7.16	7.70	7.54	9.64	13.28	12.93	13.89	12.46
Oats—Area '000 acres	195	246	461	617	733	1,085	1,460	1,949
Yield '000 bus.	4,796	5,726	9,790	9,562	12,147	15,195	22,302	25,774
Average yield bus.	24.62	23.27	21.22	15.50	16.56	14.00	15.27	13.22
Barley—Area '000 acres	75,864	68,068	74,511	116,466	208,910	342,396	784,253	699,114
Yield '000 bus.	1,353	1,179	1,520	2,057	6,086	6,291	18,004	11,117
Average yield bus.	17.84	17.31	20.40	17.66	20.36	18.37	22.96	15.90
Maize—Area '000 acres	165,777	284,428	294,849	340,065	305,186	269,448	301,360	235,729
Yield '000 bus.	5,726	9,262	7,035	8,940	7,840	7,062	7,436	5,729
Average yield bus.	34.54	32.56	23.86	26.29	25.69	26.21	24.67	24.30
Hay—Area '000 acres	768	942	1,688	2,518	2,995	2,635	2,758	2,757
Yield '000 tons	767	1,067	2,025	2,868	3,902	3,167	3,575	3,493
Average yield tons	1.00	1.13	1.20	1.14	1.30	1.20	1.30	1.27
Potatoes—Area '000 acres	(r) 76,265	112,884	109,685	130,463	149,144	145,111	99,324	176,067
Yield tons	(r) 243,216	380,477	322,524	301,489	388,091	397,102	332,727	645,141
Average yield tons	(e) 3.19	3.37	2.94	2.31	2.60	2.74	3.35	3.66
Sugar-cane—Area (d) '000 acres	19,708	45,444	86,950	101,010	128,350	241,576	254,564	235,079
Yield '000 tons	350	738	1,368	1,682	2,437	4,213	5,154	4,648
Av. yield tons	17.74	16.23	15.73	16.65	18.99	17.44	20.25	19.72
Vineyards—Area '000 acres	14,569	48,882	63,677	60,602	92,414	112,961	129,739	(e) 128,881
Wine '000 gal.	1,438	3,438	5,262	4,975	8,543	14,191	16,045	(e) 14,419
Total net value of all agricultural production £'000	(f) 15,519	(f) 16,988	(f) 23,835	(f) 23,774	(f) 81,890	49,714	62,133	(e) 71,689
PASTORAL, DAIRYING, ETC.—								
Live-stock—Horses '000	1,088	1,585	1,620	2,278	2,438	1,776	1,611	1,265
Cattle	8,011	11,112	8,491	11,829	14,441	12,261	13,561	13,874
Sheep	65,093	106,421	72,040	96,886	86,119	110,019	125,189	96,396
Pigs	703	846	931	1,111	960	1,168	1,477	1,426
Wool production (g) '000 lb.	319,649	634,046	539,395	798,391	723,059	1,007,456	1,167,158	916,650
Butter "	(h) (i) 42,315	(i) 103,747	(i) 212,074	(i) 267,071	391,249	375,494	336,237	
Cheese "	(h) (i) 10,131	(i) 11,845	(i) 15,887	(i) 32,653	31,423	67,520	91,836	
Bacon and ham "	(h) (i) 16,772	(i) 34,021	(i) 53,335	(i) 58,626	71,122	95,119	108,877	
Total net value of—								
pastoral production £'000	{ f 29,538	(f) 39,256	(f) 36,890	(f) 72,883	(f) 119,399	{ 43,025	85,358	98,374
dairying production £'000						22,564	34,344	(e) 46,183
	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1931.	1941.	1945.
MINERAL PRODUCTION—								
Gold .. £'000	5,194	5,292	14,018	10,552	4,019	3,564	15,901	7,031
Silver and lead .. "	46	3,736	2,249	3,022	1,540	1,444	6,256	4,028
Copper .. "	714	367	2,215	2,564	804	568	1,505	2,285
Tin .. "	1,146	561	448	1,210	418	216	1,001	759
Zinc .. "	"	3	4	1,415	283	513	1,590	1,481
Coal ..	638	1,912	2,603	3,927	11,015	6,355	10,872	12,302
Total value of all mineral production .. £'000	7,820	12,074	21,817	23,303	19,997	13,352	41,257	32,341
						1921-22.	1931-32.	1941-42.
								1944-45.
FORESTRY PRODUCTION—								
Quantity of local timber sawn or hewn—								
'000 sup. ft.	(h)	(h)	452,181	604,794	590,495	236,707	913,675	825,575
FACTORIES—								
Number of factories								
Hands employed .. No.								
Wages paid .. £'000								
Value of production ..								
Total value of output .. "								
	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)			
(a) At 31st December.	(b) Subject to revision.	(c) Partly estimated.	(d) Productive cane.					
(e) 1944-45.	(f) Gross value.	(g) In terms of greasy.	(h) Not available.	(i) Years ended				
December.	(j) Owing to variation in classification	effective comparison is impossible.						

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## Statistical Summary—Australia—continued.

Heading.	Years.							
	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921-22.	1931-32.	1941-42.	1945-46.
<b>SHIPPING—</b>								
Oversea vessels entered and cleared ..	No. 3,284 '000 tons 2,549	3,778 4,726	4,028 6,542	4,174 9,985	3,111 9,081	3,057 11,396	2,544 10,768	2,371 10,693
<b>COMMERCE—</b>								
Imports—Oversea £'000	29,067	37,711	42,434	66,968	103,066	44,713	152,005	156,781
Per head £ 12/16/2	11/16/0	11/3/11	14/18/2	18/14/1	6/16/6	21/5/11	21/3/0	
Exports—Oversea £'000	27,528	36,043	49,696	79,482	127,847	85,843	134,927	178,316
Per head £ 12/2/8	11/5/6	13/2/2	17/13/10	23/4/1	13/1/11	18/18/1	24/1/1	
Total—Oversea trade £'000	56,595	73,754	92,130	146,450	230,913	130,556	286,932	335,097
Per head £ 24/18/10	23/1/6	24/6/1	32/12/0	41/18/2	19/18/5	40/4/0	45/4/1	
Net Customs and Excise duties .. £'000	4,809	7,441	8,657	13,515	27,565	28,525	(b) 55,551	76,919
Per head £ 2/2/5	2/6/7	2/5/8	2/19/2	5/0/1	4/7/1	7/15/8	10/7/6	
<b>PRINCIPAL OVERSEA EXPORTS</b>								
(c)—								
Wool—Quantity (d) '000 lb.	328,369	619,260	518,018	720,365	927,834	893,644	937,376	917,526
Value £'000 13,173	19,940	15,237	26,071	47,977	32,102	58,041	69,260	
Wheat—Quantity '000 bus.	5,365	9,795	20,260	55,148	99,947	127,401	22,313	12,794
Value £'000 1,190	1,939	2,775	9,642	28,644	19,220	4,645	6,378	
Flour—Quantity '000 tons	50	33	97	176	360	611	414	463
Value £'000 520	328	590	1,392	5,520	3,833	4,191	11,337	
Butter—Quantity '000 lb.	1,299	4,240	34,607	101,722	127,347	201,639	130,347	137,570
Value £'000 39	207	1,451	4,637	7,968	10,250	8,125	12,242	
Hides and skins .. "	317	874	1,251	3,227	3,137	2,316	5,982	11,833
Tallow .. "	644	571	678	1,936	1,442	831	842	303
Meats .. "	363	461	2,611	4,303	5,542	6,370	14,094	14,004
Timber (undressed) .. "	118	38	731	1,024	1,158	433	320	495
Gold .. "	6,445	5,704	14,316	12,046	3,483	11,893	9,188	26,411
Silver and lead .. "	58	1,932	2,250	3,213	2,697	2,902	7,434	4,469
Copper .. "	677	418	1,619	2,346	705	472	18	(e) 1,049
Coal .. "	361	646	987	901	1,100	342	250	93
<b>GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS—</b>								
Length of line open miles	3,832	9,541	12,579	16,078	23,502	26,959	27,241	27,213
Capital cost .. £'000 42,741	99,764	123,224	152,195	244,353	321,972	322,152	(f) 327,916	
Gross revenue .. "	3,910	8,654	11,038	17,848	38,195	37,580	66,482	(k) 68,916
Working expenses .. "	2,142	5,630	7,134	10,946	29,818	28,142	51,043	(k) 59,346
Per cent. of working expenses on gross revenue %	54.77	65.06	64.63	61.33	78.07	74.88	76.78	86.11
<b>POSTAL—</b>								
Letters and post-cards dealt with .. '000	67,640	157,297	220,853	453,063	561,973	731,135	921,901	(f) 932,143
Per head No. 29.61	49.07	58.26	100.90	102.01	111.62	129.17	(f) 125.77	
Newspapers dealt with '000	38,063	85,280	102,727	141,638	140,477	139,502	177,974	(f) 184,860
Per head No. 16.66	26.61	27.10	31.54	25.50	21.30	24.94	(f) 24.94	
<b>CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS (g)—</b>								
Note circulation £'000	3,979	4,417	3,399	3,718	(h) 214	197	167	166
Coin and bullion held .. "	9,108	16,713	19,781	33,471	21,627	1,949	1,533	2,239
Advances .. "	57,733	129,742	86,353	108,579	193,436	227,139	269,944	219,698
Deposits .. "	53,849	98,345	91,487	143,447	(i) 273,867	276,114	386,502	631,675
<b>SAVINGS BANKS (j)—</b>								
Total deposits .. £'000	7,854	15,537	30,883	59,394	154,396	197,966	274,275	663,554
Average per head of population .. £	3/10/5	4/18/7	8/3/0	13/8/5	28/0/4	30/1/11	38/4/7	89/1/8
					1921.	1931.	1941.	1944.
<b>STATE SCHOOLS—</b>								
Schools .. No.	4,494	6,231	7,012	8,060	9,445	10,097	9,535	8,651
Teachers .. "	9,028	12,564	14,500	16,971	26,120	33,762	32,066	31,200
Enrolment .. "	432,320	561,153	638,478	638,850	819,042	936,901	886,655	878,248
Average attendance .. "	255,143	350,773	450,246	463,799	666,498	817,262	732,116	722,942

(a) Import and export values are in British currency. Imports are recorded in British currency; the recorded values for exports were:—1931-32, £A.109,034,000; 1941-42, £A.168,977,000; and 1945-46, £A.223,288,000, *vide* page 18.

(b) Excludes Special War Tax of 10 per cent. on amount of Customs Duties on all goods entered for home consumption on and after 3rd May, 1940.

(c) Australian produce, except gold, which includes re-exports. Australian currency values.

(d) In terms of greasy.

(e) Includes Copper Case Alloys.

(f) 1944-45.

(g) Figures for first three years are averages for the December quarter, the remainder for the June quarter. All cheque-paying banks prior to 1931-32, nine trading banks only thereafter.

(h) Decrease due to prohibition of re-issue.

(i) Includes Commonwealth Savings Bank deposits.

(j) First three years at 31st December; remainder 30th June.

(k) Preliminary.